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SOPHONISBA:

OR,

Hannibal's Overthrow,

A

TRAGEDY.

Acted at the

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By Their

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Written by NATHANIEL LEE, *Gent.*

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Dear Miss Wright

Many thanks for your letter of 30th ult, to which I would have replied before, but have been in Manchester.

'Sophonisba' by Nathaniel Lee, was written in 1675 (with the subtitle of 'Hannibal Overthrown') and first produced at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on the 30th April of that year. It was a successful play and remained in the repertory for very many years, both of the Lane, Lincolns Inn and later Covent Garden. Its original cast was as follows.

Hannibal.....	Major Mohun
Maherbal.....	Mr Burt
Bomilear.....	Mr Wintersel (name spelt
Scinio.....	Mr Kynaston several ways)
Lelius.....	Mr Lydall
Massinissa.....	Mr Hart
Massinia.....	Mr Clark
Sophonisba.....	Mrs Cox
Rosalnida.....	Mrs Boutel.

You will observe that both Hart and Mohun played in it, and when they played together they always packed the theatre.

Your copy, published in 1693 would probably be because the play was presented as part of the repertory at Oxford in that year. After the Restoration and the foundation of Drury Lane, it was customary for the Drury Lane Company, in their capacity of His Majesty's Servants, to play a three weeks season at Oxford every year, during the Summer Term when the theatre here was closed. They were always very popular. In those days, you must remember, plays were not put up for a run but played a few nights and then went into the reperetire, being played at intervals. So 'Sophonisba' would be played every so often and was apparently featured at Oxford in 1695. The undergraduates, for whom these deasons were meant, crowded in to see them and when Cibber went there in 1712, it became necessary to play twice a day, so great was the demand. That particular season of Cibber's was a very great success. Because they played twice daily he paid his actors and actresses double pay

which is more than they would get nowadays, and at the end of the season he made the University Authorities a present of £50 towards the rebuilding of St Mary's Church, and still he and his two partner Robert Wilks and Bartin Booth had a profit of £150 each as a result of the three weeks visit to Oxford.

If at any time, there is any information you want I shall be delighted to help you.

Yours sincerely,

H. Thompson
(W. Macquene Pope).

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To her Grace the

DUTCHESS

OF

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Madam,

IF Sophton isba receiv'd some applause upon the Stage, I arrogate nothing from the merit of the Poem, but as I ought, with the humblest acknowledgments and profoundest gratitude, impune it to the favourable aspects of the Court Stars. But above all, I must pay my adorations to your Grace, who as you are the most Beautiful as well in the bright appearances of Body, as in the immortal splendors of an elevated Soul, did shed mightier influence, and darted on me a largeness of Glory answerable to your stock of Beams. Hannibal himself, whose hardy Spirit never bow'd but to the fair imperious Rosalinda, may be who in spite of Beauties Charms, durst gaze upon that Sun with Eagles eyes, and tax her with a blemish, now making his approaches to your Grace, stands awed with the source of so many Rays, and dazzl'd with a presence so illustrious. He sees with new bleedings, Eyes more attractive than those of Rosalinda, something more delicate in your shape, and lofty in your meen; an Air so charming sweet, that 'tis miraculous it shou'd be Majestick too: Smiles of more delightful Shine than April Suns; such softness and languishings as the almighty Poets hand cannot describe, nor Painters Pencil ever draw. For my own part, I am resolv'd to look up to you daily, and dedicate my Life and Labours to your Grace, to spend all the store of my yet unexhausted fancy in your unbounded Fame. For I declare, to be wreath'd in Lawret from head to foot, is not comparable honour to that of being, Madam,

Your Graces most humble

and devoted Servant,

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NAT. LEE.

Dramatis Personæ.

<i>Hannibal</i> ,	General of Carthage.	<i>Mr. Mobun.</i>
<i>Maherbal</i> ,	Lieutenant General.	<i>Mr. Burt.</i>
<i>Bomilcar</i> ,	{ Master of the Horse, and Ele- phants.	{ <i>Mr. Wintershal.</i>
<i>Scipio</i> ,	Consul of Rome,	<i>Mr. Kynaston.</i>
<i>Lelius</i> ,	His Lieutenant.	<i>Mr. Lydall.</i>
<i>Varro</i> ,	A Tribune.	<i>Mr. Watson.</i>
<i>Massinissa</i> ,	{ King of Numidia; Married to <i>Sophonisba</i> ,	{ <i>Mr. Hart.</i>
<i>Trebellius</i> ,	A Roman Officer.	<i>Mr. Powell.</i>
<i>Massina</i> ,	Nephew of <i>Massinissa</i> .	<i>Mr. Clark.</i>
<i>Menander</i> ,	The Confident of <i>Massinissa</i> .	<i>Mr. Griffin.</i>
<i>Sophonisba</i> ,	{ A Carthaginian Lady, Daughter of <i>Asdrubal</i> : first Married to <i>Syphax</i> , and afterwards to <i>Massinissa</i> .	{ <i>Mrs. Cox.</i>
<i>Rosalinda</i> ,	{ A Roman Lady, the Mistress of <i>Hannibal</i> .	{ <i>Mrs. Boutelle.</i>
<i>Rezanée</i> ,	{ Maids of Honour, and Confidents of <i>Sophonisba</i> .	{ <i>Mrs. Neg.</i>
<i>Merna</i> ,	{	{ <i>Mrs. Carey.</i>
<i>Aglaue</i> ,	{ Priestesses of <i>Bellona</i> .	{
<i>Cumana</i> ,	{	{

Attendants.

SCENE Zama.

THE

THE
TRAGEDY
OF
SOPHONISBA,

ACT I. SCENE I.

Enter Hannibal, Maharbal, Bomilcar, Guards and Attendants.

Han. CONquest with Laurels has our Arms adorn'd,
And *Rome* in Tears of Blood our anger mburn'd.
Like Gods we past the rugged *Alpine Hills*,
Melted our way; and drove our hissing Wheels
Through Cloudy Deluges, Eternal Rills:
What after Ages shall with pain believe,
Through burning Quarries did our passage cleave;
Hurl'd dreadful Fire, and Vinegar infus'd,
Whose horrid force the Nerves of Flints unloos'd:
Made Nature start to see us root up Rocks,
And open all the Adamantine Locks;
Shake off her Massy Bars; o're Mountains go,
Through Globes of Ice, and flakes of solid Snow:
On our last Elephant while we did sleep,
In *Arnus* foggy Fens and Marshes deep,
One light we lost, for *Carthage* underwent
Wars tedious toils, our Blood and Spirits spent,
And all the stock of Health which Bounteous Nature lent.

Mab. But what return has that slow City made?
Admir'd by Foes, you were by Friends betray'd.
While you abroad fam'd Battels bravely fought,
The Traitor *Hanno* your destruction sought:
No succours were for your assistance meant;
For still to *Rome* Intelligence was sent.

That

That did the *Carthaginians* strength declare,
Which way they pass, and what their numbers were.

Bom. By his design your Brothers death was wrought,
When he apart from you with *Nero* fought.
Too well that Barb'rous States-Man *Hanno* knew,
If Gallant *Asdrubal* should joyn with you,
The *Romans* cou'd no hope of safety have;
No Power on Earth cou'd their lost Empire save:
With wicked Policy he therefore try'd
Your two all-conquering Armies to divide.

How fatally did his curst Plots succeed?
When with your Brother all his Troops did bleed.

Han. Great States-Men Kings shou'd watch, while they employ;
Left, what they build, those underhand destroy.
Nor has his separating Chiefs been known
Only on Land, but on the Ocean shown:
Where Fleets divided, by close practis'd Arts,
Have melted Womens Eyes, and Souldiers Hearts.

Bom. Now all the Fiends those Traitors drag to Hell,
Who for Revenge, or Gold, their Country sell.

Han. How wou'd the Slaves have quak'd, had they but seen
The flights of *Trebid*, or of *Thrasimen*,
Or dreadful *Cannæ*?
Where the dire Sisters bit the *Roman* Looms,
As if their hands were ty'd with cutting dooms.

Bom. Where fourscore valiant Senators we kill'd,
The blood of seventy thousand Souldiers spill'd,
And great *Emilius* death our conquest swell'd.

Han. When all with crimson slaughter cover'd o're,
We urg'd our Horses through a flood of Gore;
Whilst from the Battlements of Heaven's high Wall
Each God look'd down, and shook his awful head,
Mourning to see so many thousands fall;
And then look'd pale to see us hardy.

Mab. That was a time worthy Heaven's Fate,
When Victory on Hills of *Asopus* sat,
And turn'd her Eyes all blood upon the Foe;
And laugh'd, and clapp'd her Wings with the day.

Han. And are we thus left remiss and slow?
Dare they review our dangers with disdain?

Dull Counsellors, who only talk of harm,
 Sleep till high Noon, to costly Banquets swarm,
 And with rich Wines drink their cold Spirits warm.
 Instead of fighting *Scipio*, let us haste,
 Set fire to *Carthage*, lay her glories waste;
 Melt all their hoarded Treasures down, and pour
 Into their thirsty Throats the scalding Ore.

Bom. Go on, great Sir; their trusty Coffers burn;
 Their Towing pride to desolation turn.

Mab. How I should laugh, to see their *Ermines* smoke!
 May Sulph'rous flames their gorged vitals choke.

Han. Maherbal, stay; though *Carthage* us'd me ill,
 Spite of my wrongs, she is my Countrey still:
 My Father, the great Master of our arms,
 (Who, while he gave me life, heard loud alarms)
 Swore me *Rome's* Foe, when in my ages bud,
 Wean'd me from Milk, and nurs'd me up in Blood,
 And taught me to be obstinately good:

Rome, the Worlds Gyant Empress to invade,
 Till her Bright Fame should shrink into a shade,
 And all her Golden Spires in dust were laid.

Bom. *Carthage*, and *Rome*, which did so long divide
 The troubl'd World, to prop their weighty pride,
 Will brook no more each others mighty sway,
 The Gods to this or that must give the day:
 Since such Majestick power to both is given,
 As each might take up all the care of Heav'n.

Mab. Besides the natural hate to *Rome* you bear,
 With *Scipio*, Love obliges you to War,
 Since *Rosalinda* is a Prisoner there,
 Heavens! shall he dare to keep your Love in bands?
 Beauty like hers, Swords, Hands, and Hearts commands.

Han. O, my *Maherbal*! thou wert always kind,
 See'st all my good, but to my ills art blind:
 Had I by thy advice my Souldiers led,
 Not with their Joys, and striding o're the dead,
 To *Rome*, to *Rome*, my Warrior——But, 'tis lost;
 That hour, that did so many last hours cost!
 The Gods and opportunity ride post.
 Melting at *Capua* in Pleasures lay;
 And for a Mistress gave the World away

Mab. Grudge you the World? Cou'd I such hearts subdue,
Were I great *Jove* himself, I'd give Heaven too:
But I am rough, and not for Woman made,
In Natures courtest mold by Fortune laid.

Han. Haste to the Roman Camp, *Bomilcar* fly,
Take Scouts along, unseen as Spirits pry,
And learn the posture of the Enemy:
Learn, if thy knowledge may so happy be,
Where *Rosalinda* mourns for Liberty;
Seek her as thou wou'dst Wreaths for Glories Toil,
As after Conquest thou wou'dst seek for Spoil.

The SCENE drawn, discovers a pleasant Grotto, King Massinissa, Massina, and Menander sitting upon a Bank: Soft Music is heard.

K. Mas. Since Love, the brightest Jewel of a Crown,
That fires Ambition, and adorns Renown;
That with sweet hopes does our harsh pains beguile,
And midst of Javelins makes the Souldier smile:
Since this great Trophie's lost, quite lost to me,
What wretched things must Fame and Empire be;

Men. Yet once your Soul was of another strain,
And still you talk'd how God-like 'twas to Reign,
In mystick Empire to be plac'd alone;
And your Cheeks burn'd when you beheld a Throne;
Ev'n in your Nonage haughty were and bold,
And smiling wou'd your Father's Scepter hold,
And talk'd, when young, how you wou'd Rule when old.

K. Mas. Ambition then I lov'd; but now abhor.

Mas. What is Ambition, Sir?

K. Mas. The lust of Power.

Like glory, Boy, it licenses to kill;
A strong temptation to do bravely ill;
A bait to draw the bold and backward in,
The dear bought recompence of highest sin:
For when to Death we make the Conquer'd yield,
What are we, but the Murderers of the Field?

Men. In gallant Souls, Ambition is no more
The Bawd of Empire, or the lust of Power.

Than lawful Mirth is lewdness in a Bride,
Or neatness in a Vestal Virgin, Pride.

K. Mas. Then be it so; yet I will out no more,
Since Love has wrack'd me on the long'd-for shore.
No, but I had a Soul cou'd storms outwear,
Durst against Rocks, or over quick-sands steer:
For love, if *Venus* had like *Juno* bid,
I durst as much as e're *Alcides* did:
But I am lost; nothing, *Massina*, now;
With Love's each blast, I like a bul-rush bow;
Am I not alter'd much of late?

Mas. Alas!

You look like weather'd Flowers, or Mountain Grass.

K. Mas. O *Sophonisba*, oh!

Mas. Why sighs my Lord?

Speak, for I will revenge you with my Sword.
What cruel Vulture's this that tears your breast?
Like fester'd wounds, it takes away your rest.
You will grow mad, I think you watch all night,
And with your groans the croaking Ravens fright.
Who is it that these killing griefs has wrought,
That bends your brow and turns you into thought?

K. Mas. My sorrows load, alas! thou canst not bear.

Mas. Think you my Soul is capable of fear?
What is it, for your sake I cou'd not bear?

K. Mas. *Massina*, thou art all that I wou'd have;
There's nothing after thee, but a low Grave:
Obdurate stubborn heart, still wilt thou hold?
Observe me, Boy, when thou shalt see me cold,
Grown by my death a longer line of Woe,
Pale as wrong'd Lovers Ghosts, that sigh below;
Then learn to curse the Author of my Fate.

Mas. What horrid things are these, which you relate?

K. Mas. Thee from thy Childhood I have train'd with care,
I th' painful Discipline of tedious War:
In Mountains bred thee, and on barren Sands,
And led thee near the Sun, through high parch'd Land;
Show'd thee to chase wild Boars upon the Heath,
And taught thy Infant hands the Trade of Death.
When I by *Boccar* hotly was pursu'd,
And forc'd to plunge into the rapid Flood,

Thou leap'st in after me.

Mass. I did, my Lord,

But you forgot the Whirl-pool in the Ford ;
Where when I struggl'd, and my strength grew slack,
You dash'd my Fate, and bore me on your back :
So through the *Hellepont Europa* rode,
Half dead with fear, though mounted on a God.

K. Mas. But, my *Massina*, there's one danger more
More dreadful than all those we past before :
Vile Women.

Mass. Women, Sir, I oft have seen
Dancing with Timbrels on the Flowry Green,
Or like small Clouds upon the Mountains-brow ;
But never thought they Thunder bore till now.
I know they are all black, have rowling Eyes,
Thick Lips, flat Noses, Breasts of mighty size.

K. Mas. Thou never yet in shining Courts hast been,
Nor the fair part of Woman-kind hast seen,
Who close in *Africk* Palaces reside,
And from th'injurious Sun their Faces hide :
To whom compar'd, these seem all hideous night ;
But those, like *Cynthia's* Silver Crescent, bright.

Mass. Is it a sin to be acquainted, Sir,
With those white Maids, that are so fine and fair ?

K. Mas. Shun 'em *Massina*, as thou wou'dst thy Fate ;
As things which by Antipathy we hate.
Not all the horrors of a bloody War,
Not Lions, Tigers, such hid fury bear :
Those appear Monsters; but these seem all mild :
None ever yet destroy'd, but still she smil'd.
They are all grief, when they appear all joy ;
Like Lightning, while the glitter they destroy.
Lye down sweet Youth. A fair white Woman was
Of what thou seest me now, the cruel Cause ;
Though clear her form appear'd, without one stain,
Bright as those Bodies which o're darkness reign,
Her Soul is blacker than the Skin of *Moors* ;
For Fraud with Beauty does his lodging take.

Mass. Then Beauties breast is like a bank of Flowers,
That fairly hides a soul and ugly Snake.

K. Mas. There's not one safe, and fair: all Seas of Sin.
Shou'dst thou be us'd, alas! as I have been,
'Twou'd make thee Gray; hear not my story told.

Maf. Will Women if they use me, make me old?

K. Mas. I had a Mistress once,
For her I fought, and did her Cause maintain
Against the World upon the list'd Plain:
The Gods too know with what obliging smiles,
And blushing joy, she prais'd my mighty toils:
And when to kiss her hand I bended low,
She made it meet my Lips, and prest 'em too.
All this in Publick; but from sight remov'd,
Fierce were our Joys, and with a loose we lov'd.

Menan. You may remember, Sir, that I was by,
Call'd as a witness to the secret Tye,
Thrice we invoc'd the God of Marriage there,
With rich Sabeian scents perfum'd the air,
And utter'd sacred Vows, and binding Prayer.

K. Mas. When you were gone,
And none but I left with that Charming Maid,
What furious fires did my hot Nerves invade?
With open arms upon my bliss I ran,
With pangs I grasp'd her, like a dying man:
Like Light and Heat, incorporate we lay;
We blest the Night, and curst the coming Day.

Maff. Now as I love bright arms, the Story's fine!
Tell it all night, my Lord, the Stars will shine.

K. Mas. Soon as the Birds did on the morning call,
Her brighter Eyes a show'r of Tears let fall:
Which in my panting bosom trick'd down,
She prest me close, and cry'd, must you be gone?
Then round my Neck her snowy arms did twine,
She sigh'd; but will you be for ever mine?
Will you be true? — and then our lips did joyn.

Maff. Kind, pretty heart.

K. Mas. Her last words were,
Hear me, ye Gods, may I be never blest,
If *Massinissa* be not to this breast
The sweetest, dearest, everlasting Guest.
Yet she, this fair, this soft deluding she,
Forgetting all her Vows, forgetting me;

While I for *Carthage* follow'd Wars alarms,
 Refign'd her self up to anothers arms.

Enter Lelius, and Varro.

Lel. At length he's found: rise *Maffiniffa*, rise;
 Shake off these Clouds that hang about your Eyes:
 Glory's in view, and courts us with her call,
 New storms of War like Hail around us fall.

Var. Fury, that sat at home, on Massie Shields,
 Now heaves 'em up, and ranges through the Fields;
 With all her hundred Whips of Wire she comes,
 And drives despairing Monarchs to their Tombs.

Lel. *Syphax* and *Asdrubal* their Forces joyn,
 With arms the Mountains and the Vallies shine:
 Ha! what unwonted Charm your Soul enchains?
 Is your high blood congeal'd within your Veins,
 That from the dusty Field you thus retire,
 And seek cool shades, when all the World's on Fire?

Var. Kings cast their Silks, and armour make their Robe;
 Instead of Lutes, shrill Trumpets charm the Globe;
 Yet you from this great Race of Honour run,
 Wave falling Palms, and courting Laurels shun:
 Why shou'd you *Sophonisba's* loss bemoan,
 When *Syphax*, who enjoys her, cries, Come on?

K. Mas. Ha! That the base Usurper did but dare
 Meet me alone, without his crowds of War!

Lel. If you die here so silently, you'll fall
 As if Fate knew not of your Funeral:
 And cens'ring Fame will say, when you are gon,
 His Thread of Life was by a Woman spun.
 But, *Varro*, we mistake; this is not he,
 This is some Porer on Morality;
 Some studious Youth, who does the Heav'ns survey,
 And in dull Science fools his Life away.

K. Mas. Awake! Where hast thou been my drowsie Soul,
 In *Lethe* steep'd, or freezing near the Pole?
 I feel her now my benumb'd Limbs inspire,
 My Spirits shoot, and dart, and mount up higher,
 Like sparks that scatter from a kindling Fire:
 The Plots of Love inglorious are and dark,
 Blindly he aims, and Night is all his mark:

Like

Hannibal's Overthrow.

Like Day I'll dart him through and through; I will:
To cure my honour, I my Love will kill;
Kill her my self, cut piece-meal all her Charms.
War; how it sounds! away, to arms, to arms:
Let's go where the illustrious *Scipio* calls;
I'll be the first shall scale proud *Carthage* Walls:
Wing'd with our Glory, come my Friends, let's fly,
To Conquer bravely, or as bravely die.

Lel. Spoke like your self; thus we our homage pay;
So look'd *Achilles* when *Troy* lost the day.

Var. Fierce and Majestick as young *Mars*, you stand:
'Tis fit that look, this *Africk* should command.

K. Mas. As Lovers, big with expectation, burn;
My Soul to battel does all fiery turn:
Swift as the Gods, in haste out-strips the Wind,
And leaves the Coursers of the day behind.
Yet stay; methinks I am uneasy still;
What real pleasure can it be to kill?

Lel. Frail Prince! how wavering all his actions be,
By Passions tosd in Loves tempestuous Sea?
War fires the brave.

K. Mas. Yet War contracts a guilt;
And the brave grieve when many Lives are spilt:
Love like a Monarch, merciful and young,
Shedding no blood, effeminates the strong;
But War does like a Tyrant vex us more,
And breaks those Hearts, which Love did melt before.

[*Exeunt.*]

ACT II. SCENE I.

Enter Scipio, K. Massinissa, Massina, Menander, Lelius, and Varro.

Scip. **T**HE Scouts of *Hannibal*, have they survey'd
The Camp?

Lel. Your will exactly was obey'd.

Scip. I hear, my gallant Friend, and grieve to hear,
That you the Chains of *Sophonisba* wear;
In Glory's School you had the foremost Name,
Skill'd in the dark mysterious book of Fame,

Did

Did those worn Characters with pleasure read,
Which told the Stories of the mighty dead :
But by this act of softness you will drown
Those Noble parts, and forfeit your Renown ;
Truant to all the Honour that you had,
Drunk with Love's Tears, with Smiles of Beauty Mad.

K. Mas. I strove, Sir, by your great Achievements taught,
To drive this Beauty from my lab'ring thought ;
But I as well to Heaven might carry Wars,
And quench the influence of our crosser Stars :
Like those with fatal Fires she gilds my way,
And leads me on, that I may further stray.

Scip. Then I must angry grow, since you are frail,
And Corrosives apply, where Cordials fail ;
To me prove civil ; for your self be wise ;
You have my Friendship, therefore I advise.

K. Mas. Mean you, my Lord, not *Sophonisba* loves

Scip. As she's the Foe of *Rome*, I disapprove
All Treaties with her : shake her off in time,
Or against Honour you commit a Crime.

K. Mas. And would you have me live ?

Scip. When she is dead :

Why shou'd you wish her life, that has betray'd
Both you and *Rome* ? *Syphax*, whom I had wrought,
Her cunning Tongue to side with *Carthage* brought :
By Heaven I swear, if she my Captive be,
I'll use her as the *Romans* Enemy.

K. Mas. You'd have me shake her off and live ; I'de know
Whether this Flesh you wear you can forgo,
And be the same. Here through my bosom run
Your Sword ; and when the bloody deed is done,
When your Steel smoaks with my Hearts reeking Gore,
Bid me be well as e're I was before.

Scip. You are resolv'd it seems to cross my will :
But from a Friend I'll construe nothing ill.

K. Mas. O then endure yet more, and let me speak,
Without some vent my lab'ring Heart will break :
'Tis as a Friend your Life, your Life I spare,
Not as you, more than King, *Rome's* Consul are, }
The far-fam'd *Scipio*, and God of War.

Can any Man that's brave,
His Mistress injuries with patience bear?
Let any other in your cause appear,
And justify the words that you have said;
By the Immortal Powers, I'll strike him dead.

Lel. My Lord.

{ *As the King moves forward, Lelius
lays his hand on his Sword.*

Scip. Your gen'rous temper, *Lelius*, hold;
He shall be hotter yet, to be more cold:
My Virtue all the storms of Passion knows,
Has try'd its Calms, its wondrous Ebbs and Flows.
Since a request so small you can deny,
From greater proofs how wou'd your Friendship fly?

K. Mas. Try me, my Lord, but any other way,
Heavens! with what readiness would I obey!
While blood kind warmth does to these Limbs afford,
While I can shake a Spear or wield a Sword,
You shall be ever *Massinissa's* Lord: }
Go on and wander the wide Ocean o're,
Go sail to some unhospitable Shore,
Where dreadful Monsters guard the horrid Land; }
Though down to Hell I sink, at your Command
I'll throw my body on the untry'd Sand:
Wou'd you have all the *Carthaginians* slain,
Or see their Cities level'd with the Plain?
With Cheerful toil the business shall be done;
Give me but *Sophonisba* for my Crown.

Scip. To conquer Enemies abroad's no more
Than every Tribune here has done before;
Search all the Army through, and find that one, }
Who if I bid, the force of Fire dares shun,
Or will not from a Precipice leap down:
At my Command *Lelius*, would you refuse
To dye?

Lel. My Fate for Empire I'd not lose;
At thy Command, Temples and Shrines shou'd blaze;
I'd spoil their Gods, their Statues, Altars raze,
And with my Fury make 'em dread thee more,
Than I fear them when all their Thunders roar.

Scip. To Conquer Kingdoms, and on Scepters tread,
Is but to imitate great *Heroes* dead: } Shou'd

Shou'd you your arms to the worlds limits bear,
 The mighty *Alexander* pierc'd as far:
 But if ungovern'd Passion you can bind,
 And quench th' inglorious ardour of your mind,
 Your Fame shall with that haughtry Victor's vie,
 Which all the Eastern Beauties could desire:
 If still you are resolv'd her Charms to trust,
 The World may truly term you rash, unjust; }
 And when you perish, say, He dy'd for Lust. }

K. Mas. You tax me, Sir, with Crimes I do not know;
 But urge me not too far; for I may grow
 Beyond all limits, just revenge pursue,
 And, blinded by my rage, let fly at you.

Scip. Unhand him—by the Gods your worst I dare,
 A single Arm *Rome's* Consul cannot fear:
 I shine above thee like a Star fix'd higher,
 Whom though you cannot reach, you may admire.

K. Mas. Like *Meteors* rather you false glory take,
 Whose short-liv'd blaze, low Earthy Vapours make:
 Yet, since with fancied Fires you fill the Skie,
 Shall not one Prince at your dread aspect die?

Scip. How have I err'd? Your Tryals at an end;
 Heaven! That I e're should call this man my Friend!
 How cou'd my Soul so grossly be o'reseen?
 From all mankind wert thou selected then?
 O most ungrate! ill temper'd barb'rous King,
 No good did ever from this *Africk* spring.
 Did I for this each *Roman* Friendship shun,
 And to those Savage arms for refuge run?
 When with the weight, cares of War oppress'd,
 Lean'd all my troubles on that sullen Breast;
 Took no Petition, granted no Command,
 But what was given by *Massina's* hand?
 What triumphs did I ever yet design,
 Wherein your glory might not equal shine?
 Yet for a Woman, and a false one too,
 Your Fame, your Faith and Friendship you forego.
 Still let the great of Favourites beware;
 They most deceive us, who most trusted are.

[The Consul turns away.

K. Mas.

K. Mas. Stay Consul, stay my Friend, my noble Lord;
 Could you then cast me off for one rash word?
 Forsake me ever? O you never lov
 Your *Massinissa*, who could be thus mov'd.
 Go if thou please, leave this ungrateful King,
 This savage, barbrous, indigested thing.
 What e're my passion did, thou'd pardon'd be,
 For I confess you are a God to me.
 Yet it had been more friendly and more kind,
 Not to have met the tempest of my Mind.

Scip. But was it possible in this our strife,
 That *Massinissa* should attempt my Life?

K. Mass. Pronounce my Death cut off these cursed Hands,
 Send me to *Syphax*, bound with shameful bands,
 That I may all the subtlest torments bear,
 And after death no more reproaches hear.

Scip. By this return of Virtue, I am made
 For ever yours——Say do I now upbraid?
 Are these reproaches?

K. Mas. O ye Powers look down,
 And hear me swear by your Eternal Throne.
 Whatever this your likeness shall command,
 Though *Sophonisba* from my trembling Hand,
 I will obey:——or curse me where I stand.

Scip. As your first Trial, strait to *Cirta* fly,
 And perjur'd *Syphax* at his Gates besie.
 Our Troops must conquer when led on by you;
 Chiefly his Wife endeavour to subdue:
 Whose subtle working Wit wrought all this care,
 And with her beauteous griefs renew'd the War.

K. Mas. This Youth, my Kinsman, as a pledge I leave;
 My all, the darling of my Soul receive.
 As I in war shall false or faithful be,
 So may just Heav'n do both to him and me.

Mass. Ah! if I am that darling of your Heart,
 How can you leave me thus forlorn behind?
 Take me along, or I shall think 'twas art
 That made you seem so pitiful and kind.

K. Mas. Now all the Gods thy precious Life defend.
 Something that's fatal sure these Tears portend;

I was not us'd to weep.

Scip. Nor must not now.

At your request we will to *Zama* go ;
From hence to *Bagrada* our Forces draw,
To try our strength with desprate *Hannibal*,
And keep that famous Conquerour in awe,
That talk'd of giving Laws ith' Capitol.

K. Mas. My Blood boils in my veins, and catches Fire ;
Such words, such courage would the Dead inspire :
Yes, we will fight, my Lord with *Hannibal*,
To bloody 'count his boasted Valour call.

Scip. Like some vast ill-built Tower, so high he grows,
His Marble front nods with each blast that blows.

K. Mas. Our Arms like Thunder levell'd at his Crown,
Shall all at once, hurl'd by our rage, rush on,
And in a moment roll his Glories down.

[*Manet Massina solus.*]

Mass. Was ever Youth unfortunate as I ?
But I will be reveng'd on him, and die.
Perhaps to lose me in the wars he fears,
As if my Soul did not out-go my Years,

Enter Rosalinda.

Ref. I've scap'd with much ado the Tribunes Hands ;
But 'tis the Consul who must break my bands,
And send me with a pass-port back——Who's there ?
What are you ?

Mass. Frst instruct me what you are,
And how you came to be thus Heavenly fair :
What is it makes your Cheeks so fresh and bright,
The red of Roses, or the Lillies white ?

Ref. Were you ne're thus before ?

Mass. I never knew
Such Agues in my Blood, and Fevers too.

Ref. I'll leave you, Sir.

Mass. You cannot if you wou'd ;
You may as easily forgo your blood :
Like that, I'll blushing creep about you still,
And my sick thoughts with silent pleasures fill.

Ref. What is't you'd have ?

Mass.

Mass. Alas ! I do not know ;

Something there is which Nature will not show :
When e're you speak, as at melodious strains,
There's something purls and trickles through my Veins ;
Like Quick-silver it moves, so cold and fast ;
Then my Eyes twinkle as they'd look their last.

Ref. It shews like love ; but in its birth destroy
A passion which scarce pity can enjoy.

Mass. Perhaps you think me born of common Race ;
But royal Blood does my high Lineage grace :
Ah ! do not then put out this harmless flame,
Since from your Eyes the tingling torment came.

Ref. In vain your Passion's ardour you alledge,
The Forts impregnable, break up your Siege ;
No force, nor art can the least Out-work win,
There's one for you too mighty enter'd in :
The haughtiest, bravest, foremost Man on Earth,
Who from the blood of Gods derives his Birth.

Mass. To his Immortal Kindred leave him then ;
You may be better plac'd with blood of men.
Besides, who knows but his Divinity,
As Gods will sometimes very forward be,
May chance take pet as you in love engage,
And Thunder you to pieces in his Rage ?

Ref. 'Tis true, in War most dreadful he appears,
All Cruel, Glorious ; dangers thick he wears :
Not to amuse you when you have nam'd all
That's Great, and Lovely, think on *Hannibal* !

Mass. Is't possible
In age can beauty ought that's lovely spy ?
Can dreams of Glory waking Youth supply ?

Ref. Though his blood mov'd like freezing Currents flow,
Were his Head whiter than the *Alpine* Snow,
My Youth his Age, into one Piece should grow.

Mass. All you have said, I know, in jest was spoke ;
What should you do with such a sapless Oak ?
When a young pleasant Vine so near you stands,
And bows with all his Clusters to your Hands.

Ref. Honour to Youth and beauty I prefer ;
I'm for the best and bravest Man in War ;

And since the World knows none so great as he,
 None else shall Lord of my Affection be:
 In shorter Joys let other Maids delight,
 Those Transitory pleasures of a Night;
 But I more lasting happiness design:
 In my Illustrious Warriour's Heart to shine,
 And have my Name on his high Tomb engrav'd,
 This, this is the who *Hannibal* enslav'd.

Mass. Though I no dawn of Comfort can descry,
 Yet in this hopeless Love I will engage,
 And every thought of Royalty cast by,
 Through all the World attend you as your Page:
 For all my Pains I will not beg one kiss,
 That were to wrong your mighty Man of War;
 Give a kind look, and I will prize the Bliss
 Above those hopes which the Ambitious bear.

Ros. Since then you are resolv'd a while to wait,
 As your first task, shew me the Consul straight:
 My Beauty like a Comet shall arise
 That Temperate Lord of Nations to surprize,
 Till thunder in his Ears, and Lighten in his Eyes.

} [Exeunt.

SCENE The Carthaginian Camp.

Hannibal is discover'd in his Tent, sitting at a Table with Lights.

Han. How great's the care, the toil and lingring pain,
 That racks a General's Breast, and breaks his brain!

Argus a hundred, Lights had I but one,
 Yet all the Day 'tis busie as the Sun;
 And all the Night 'tis watchful as the Moon.
 When shall I sleep from Noise and Business freed?
 'Tis hush'd, but Beauty Business does succeed:

Beauty which *Jove* cou'd draw from Heav'n's high Tower;
 When Nymphs in Groves his Godhead stoop'd to adore,
 So much he lov'd Delight, above almighty Power:
 In his deep blood the soft Contagion ran,
 Staining his Son, that vast Immortal Man,
 The Great *Alcides*; who a Distaff made
 Of that huge Club, which Nations could invade;

} Would

Wou'd in his Mistress Glas kind looks devise,
 Less'ning the Glories of his God-like Eyes,
 And tun'd his mighty voice to tender cries,
 Since Gods themselves, and God-like Men have lov'd,
 Why should not I with Beauty's Charms be mov'd?
 The highest Power has Love's blind Mazes trod;
 Then *Hannibal* love on, and imitate a God.

Enter Bomilcar.

Bomilcar here? so suddenly return'd?
 You look as if your Journey you had mourn'd.

Bom. My, Lord we were discover'd.

Han. Ha! How then?

Was your lost freedom given you agen?

Bom. The gen'rous Consul knowing who we were,
 Commanded us to dissipate our fear:

Then to his Officers gave strict command,

To let us take a view of every Band;

But such brave Men, and such strict Discipline!

Han. You speak, *Bomilcar*, as you knew not mine.

Bom. My Lord, your Pardon if I say, these Eyes
 Ne're yet beheld such Gallant Enemies.

When we had seen what might less Spirits damp,

He generously dismiss'd us from the Camp.

Han. This Civil brav'ry has oblig'd me so,

I shall to Battel with half fury go;

Doubts enter here, which yet my breast ne're felt:

Doubts beget fears, and fears my Courage melt:

But of my Love, Cousin you nothing said;

Is she alive? How I that answer dread!

Or is it possible she can be dead?

Bom. Though in the search our utmost Wit essay'd,
 We nought cou'd hear of that Illustrious Maid.

Han. Perhaps his Heart, for temp'rance so renown'd

From her all-conquering Eyes might take a Wound,

And now he keeps her close: which should he dare,

With Fire and Sword we'll carry on the War.

Yes, we will instantly our Bodies join;

The World's at stake, let it be his or mine.

Bom.

Bom. Throw boldly at the Sum which the Gods set;
A hundred thousand Lives at once are met,
That on your side will all their Fortunes bet.

Enter Maherbal.

Mah. Come forth, my Lord, haste from your Tent, behold
Sights that may chill the fiery, daunt the bold;
Shrill Trumpets Echo through the arch of Heaven,
Battels proclaim'd, and bloody signals giv'n:
Two Suns their gawdy Chariots Curtains furl,
And at each other brandish'd Lightning hurl,
Red bolts rush flaming through a bloody Sky,
Wounding the air, vast pointed splinters fly,
Immortal Spirits drop down, and seem to die;
A Host of Heavenly Warriours bright and gay,
Appointed stand, and ready for the fray:
In Golden arms their shining Chiefs appear,
Helmets and Shields of Diamonds they wear,
And Spears with Stars of value set, they bear.

Han. The end of all things sure is drawing nigh.

Mah. Through the void place swift Darts obliquely fly;
Black swarthy Demons hold a hollow Cloud,
And with long Thunder-bolts they Drum aloud;
Their Trumpets all with Sun-beams are inlay'd,
Where dreadful sound by fiery breath are made,
Mountains are buried in the Womb of Earth,
A Grave they find where first they had their birth,
Our Household Gods sweat as they stand, and all
Your Garlands from their Temples untouch'd fall.
A Wolf but now, his Jaws all bloodied o're,
And by his side a Savage foaming Boar,
Your Out-guards fac'd, and slaughter there began;
Nor stop'd they, but through all the army ran,
Till satiated with blood, the Monsters fled,
Vanish'd from fight, and in dark Forests hid.

Han. Lead to the place from whence we may descry
These dreadful Prodigies that fill the Sky.
Command our Priests a Sacrifice prepare,
To appease the angry Demons of the air

[*Exeunt.*
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*The SCENE drawn, discovers a Heaven of Blood, two Suns,
Spirits in Battel, Arrows shot to and fro in the Air; Cries of
yielding Persons, &c. Cries of Carthage is fall'n, Carthage, &c.*

Re-enter Hannibal, Maharbal, Bomilcar.

Han. What mean the Gods by these phantastick forms?
And unprovok'd, why do they raise such storms?

Mah. When dreadful Prodigies like these appear,
The sure destruction of some State is near.
Our General's mov'd, his angry looks dart fire,
And noble rage does his griev'd Soul inspire.

Han. Can this be true? answer ye Powers Divine,
Shall in our Death the *Roman* Glory shine?
Has Fate our ruine fix'd? Is it decreed.
That *Carthage* fall, and *Hannibal* must bleed?
Yet with unshaken Souls our doom we'll wait,
And perish bravely, though unfortunate:
Yes, ye malicious Powers, this *Hannibal*,
Whom you untimely to destruction call,
Still what he was, shall like a Souldier fall. }
Let *Hanno* shiver in the arms of Death;
But loud reports shall wait our parting breath:
We'll drown the talking Gods with our last cry,
And Earth shall thunder back upon the Sky.

[*Exeunt.*]

ACT III. SCENE I.

A Roman Camp.

Enter Scipio, Lelius, Attendants, Varro, Guard.

Scip. 'TIs strange that we no News from *Cirta* hear;
No Souldier thence?

Lel. None, Sir, does yet appear.

Scip. Twere fit some Tribune with our Horse should go,
And the Intents of *Massaniſſa* know.

Enter

Enter Rosalinda, and Massina.

Ros. Where is the General? By your Majesty,
And august Garb, you should the Consul be:
If such you are, I charge you set me free. }

Scip. Your strict Commands are told in such a way,
The Consul doubts whether he should obey;
Nor know I Fair one, what, or whose your are,
Wrongfully held, or Prisoner of War.

Ros. By right or wrong, when Beauty pleads like mine,
'Tis fit you straight my liberty enjoyn;
To keep me here against my will, is wrong,
Since *I to Hannibal* the Great belong:
Dare you detain what's his?

Scip. We all things dare,
But would not willingly offend the Fair;
None shall presume your freedom to deny,
If with the gift we may your friendship buy.

Ros. My friendship? No; to death I hate you all,
All that bear arms against my *Hannibal*;
A Man so great, I, though a *Roman* born,
Can for his sake, my Friends, my Country scorn;
Who drives the bravest of you from the Field,
As I in Cities make all Beauties yield.

Rome! she's not fit, though she her head lay down,
To be his Foot-stool, when he mounts a Throne.

Scip. My yet unshaken Soul, with Virtue bound,
No force of War, or Love cou'd ever wound:
But *Mars* and *Cupid* now at once appear,
And strike me with an Object fierce and fair.
How her Eyes shine? what killing fires they dart?
And all within I feel the fatal smart.
Away with her, she is a Sorceress, go.

Mas. Stay, stay, my Lord, remember she's your Foe;
Besides I love her; and if she depart,
Or suffer any wrong, 'twill break my heart.
By all those noble Promises you made,
When *Asdrubal* in *Spain* before you fled,
And I your Prisoner was, you lov'd me then
With Gold and Jewels sent me home again,
And hung about my neck a Diamond Chain. }

[*Kneels.*

Scip.

Scip. At your request, she shall not go, but stay
With me.

Mass. With you? Dispatch her, Sir, away.
A Rival in my love I cannot bear:
Love-toyes, my Lord, below your greatness are,
They'll take you off the business of the War.

Scip. Though War usurp the Day, Love claims the Night;
At least we'll try this am'rous new delight.

Mass. Yes, you may try, but ne're can please like me;
You'll still be dreaming, Sir, of Victory,
Of storming Forts, and digging Trenches deep,
And call for arms, and break your Mistress's sleep.

Ros. The serious Trifles of your love adjourn.
For know I view you both with equal scorn.
O mighty *Hannibal*! thou all Divine,
This loyal Heart shall never be but thine;
How little these compar'd to thee? how low?

Scip. Trophies as great, and Conquest we can show,
Noble as those which his fam'd arms adorn,
From as dire dangers Victory hath torn.

Ros. 'Tis true some Glory you atchiev'd in *Spain*,
And *Carthagina* by surprise did gain;
For your late conquest poorly did conspire,
Pretending peace, you set the Camp on Fire:
Yet you will loudly talk of *Roman* Fame,
When all your Eagles Dove-like flew so tame:
But *Hannibal* with noise to War proceeds,
Makes the world start at his unequal'd deeds;
He like some rolling Whale, who as he laves,
With his bright armory gilds all the waves;
Dashes the frighted Nations from his side,
That pale and foaming fury far off ride,
O're all the watry Region does command;
The Ocean's Lord, and Tyrant of the Land:
While your tame Legions, like the smaller fry,
Glide silent on, and only twinkle by.

Scip. Take her, *Massina*, bear her from my Tent,
To Freedom, Chains, to Death, or Banishment:
Bear her where I may never see her more.

[*Massina leads her off.*]

She's

She's gone, and now I am as heretofore,
My panting Heart with thirst of Glory burns;
Fame flies before, and beck'ning Fortune turns,
Beyers and Bucklers, Swords and Massie Shields,
And all the wonted Objects fancy yields,
Black Hills, and dusty Plains, and bloody Fields.

Eater Maherbal.

What art thou? 'Tis the Consul speaks.

Mab. From *Hannibal* I come with you to treat,
E're Fortune half the frighted World defeat:
The Grace which for his Spies you did command,
He thanks you for: But with his Sword in Hand;
He who ne're yet a Parley with'd with *Rome*,
Since War is to the dreadful upshot come,
Would hold Discourse with you of the Earth's doom.

Scip. 'Tis granted; where's the place?

Mab. On *Zama's* Plain,

Attended only with five hundred Men;
Soon as the morn's first blushes shall appear,
Expect the terrour of your armies there.

Scip. Would it were done the great decision made;
Rome Crown'd, and in the Dust great *Carthage* laid.

Enter Trebellius.

Treb. Laurels, and all the Trophies Conquest yields
Colours and Standards, brought with blood in Fields,
King *Massinissa* does to *Scipio* send,
His God-like Master, and his War-like Friend.

Scip. Relate in brief the progress of his arms.

Treb. Soon as King *Syphax* heard our dread alarms,

He sent some Troops of horse abroad to scout,

Which were by equal numbers put to rout.

Urg'd with despair, and by his charming Wife,

Whose Beauty has been fatal to his Life,

He came in person forth, to end the strife.

Our Battels join'd and fiercely it was fought,

Till to the last extremes our Troops were brought.

When *Massinissa* more than Man appear'd

And with his overflowing Valour clear'd

Those mighty odds which first our Souldiers fear'd.

Scip.

Scip. Some wondrous act of fortitude was shown,
Which cou'd resettle Troops half overthrown.

Treb. Where e're our General turn'd, death mark'd his look,
And whom he ey'd, with his cold Arrow strook;
Like some vast flame he made his glorious way,
And all about him desolation lay.

Syphax, whose name he made to Heav'n resound,
With cries of echoing Joys at last he found,
Trembling, though with his Guards encompass'd round;
Swift as revenge could dart, he on him flew,
Whom from his Horse with his hands force he drew,
And pierc'd his Heart in both the armies view:
Which seen, with one consent the Souldiers fled,
As if all hopes were with their Monarch dead.

Scip. *Cirra* should after such a loss, in course,
Surrender to the Victor's dreaded force.

Treb. It did, Great Sir: To *Massinissa* now
The gravest Lords with willing homage bow;
Where, as I did amongst the foremost ride,
'Twas wish'd the Queen might prove the Victor's Bride.

Scip. I rather with thou cou'd'st not Conquest boast,
And that the King were with the Battel lost.
To *Cirra*, *Lelius*, instantly repair,
And make that subtle Queen our Prisoner:
If *Massinissa* shou'd oppose you, say,
'Tis my command, who swore you to obey.

[*Exeunt.*]

Enter Hannibal, Maherbal, and Bomilcar.

Han. My *Rosalinda* free'd, and in my Tent?
But wherefore was that Stranger with her sent?
Thou hast a Tempest rais'd within my mind?
Speak, was this Youth so fair, and she so kind?

Bom. Your *Rosalinda's* Beauty did appear
Bright as Noon-day; all piercing, sprightly clear:
But he who led her, seem'd so soft and young,
As if that Pity handed love along;
And tears his blushing Cheeks did so adorn,
Methought the Sun came usher'd by the Morn.

Han. Cease thy unwelcome praise; what did she say?

Bom. That she would there for your appearance stay.

I bow'd, and went ; but being curious grown,
 I stopp'd a while, to mark that Fair Unknown :
 When she with languishing intreaties said,
 Is this your love ? Shall I not be obey'd ?
 Be gone, be gone, if *Hannibal* should come,
 And but suspect, Death were your certain doom.

Han. Peace, Harbinger of Fate ; with Ravens dwell,
 Thy tale at midnight to the dying tell :
 Oh ! it has pierc'd me like a poison'd Dart,
 Which by degrees infects the Blood and Heart ;
 And now it higher mounts, divides my head,
 Where like a Plague its pointed Venoms spread,
 My brain ten thousand various tortures turn ;
 Now Agues chill me, and now Fevers burn.
 Oh *Rosalinda* ! False ungrateful Maid,
 Am I for loss of Glory thus repaid ?
 But let's away, to my Pavilion lead ;
 That Ravisher of all my hopes shall bleed.

[*Exeunt.*]

Enter Rosalinda, and Massina.

Ros. Why will you stay ? If you did ever love,
 Let me conjure you, from this place remove.

Mass. Permit me as your Menial Servant stay.
 And near your Person sigh my Life away :
 Is that so much ?

Ros. It cannot, must not be,
 That you should idly spend your hours with me :
 You like the Golden Planet of the Day,
 Should as you rise, all glorious set, all gay ;
 A generous Pity does my Heart subdue,
 Which bids you now eternally adieu.

Mass. Say, your disdain.——Alas ! how can I part ?
 Methinks I go as if I had no Heart :
 But since you are resolv'd it must be so,
 Near to some murmuring brook I'll lay me down ;
 Whose Waters, if they should too shallow flow,
 My Tears shall swell 'em up that I will drown.

Enter Hannibal, Bomikar, Asper.

Ros. Massina, stay ; I strictly charge you live.

Han. Not Heav'n, nor Earth can grant him a Reprieve ;
 Since

Since *Hannibal* has vow'd that he shall die:

Bomilcar bind him, bind him instantly:

Falfe Rosalinda! — Bear him from my sight,

And shade his Beauties with Eternal Night.

Is it for this at last we meet again?

Wou'd thou hadst still the Consul's Captive been,

Ros. Oh *Hannibal!* can you resist my Tears?

What change is this your stormy temper wears?

He shall not die, *Bomilcar*, *Asper*, stay,

'Tis I command you; dare you disobey?

Han. Be gone, he dies who listens to her Pray'r;

Pull off his Bracelets, let him Shackles wear,

With Fetters fret his soft and supple Skin;

Too light a penance for so foul a sin. [*Massina is taken away*

Ros. If *Rosalinda* yet has any part [*Kneels.*]

Left in that cruel, yet renowned Heart,

This Strangers freedom instantly enjoyn,

And you shall ever be the Lord of mine.

Han. How darst thou plead for him, false as you are?

Faster, if possible, than thou art fair:

In his behalf no Intercession make,

His torments shall be doubled for thy sake.

Ros. Henceforth wrong'd Innocence from Courts retreat,

Thou best, but rare Companion of the great:

Since thus abus'd, ah! visit them no more,

But rest thy sorrows at some Shepherd's Door.

Han. Oh guilt! canst thou to Innocence appeal,

Who to this Youth such kindness did reveal?

Ros. If pity kindness be, I was most kind,

Who all my softness to his griefs resign'd;

And what but Marble Hearts could see him mourn;

Yet so much sweetness with such sorrows scorn?

Han. Pity like yours, that does so swiftly move,

Is the fore-runner of approaching Love.

Ros. Unworthy of the Honour you possess;

My Passion's great, wou'd I cou'd make it less:

Know, most unjust, and jealous, therefore vain,

For Jealousie's great weakness in great Men;

My constant Soul did for thy glory wave,

The Rich, the Young, the Beautiful, and Brave.

My Charms the cold and temp'rate Consul felt;
 Whilst Beauties Beams did fiercely on him play;
 The Frost, which long had bound his Heart, did melt,
 And Love like Sun-shine thaw'd his Ice away.

Han. Your looks methinks have quite another air;
 Nor doubt I but your beauty has been try'd,
 So faint Loves Colours in your Face appear,
 Like Silks that lose their gloss by being dy'd.

Ref. That *Scipio*, nor this Prince, whom cruel you
 Have bound, cou'd nothing on my heart prevail,
 Is as Heav'n's high Decree most justly true;
 And I am innocent, as thou art frail.

Han. Alas! 'twas innocence to say, be gone,
 If *Hannibal* shou'd but suspect, you're dead.

Ref. Compassion, for a Love I could not own,
 Urg'd me to speak: what you have heard, was said;
 Therefore release him instantly from Bands,
 And yield him safe into the Consul's hands,
 Without delays or murmuring free him strait;
 Or may your Lawrels never more be green,
 Nor may your arms in War be fortunate,
 Nor *Rosalinda* but with frowns be seen.

Han. Stay, Madam——Haste, the Captive Prince unbind
 My Heart to others rough, the Souldiers crime,
 As Rocks to Seas, or stubborn Oaks to Wind,
 Shall bow to you, as those must yield to time:
 Forgive my temper, hard'ned with the Steel,
 In which I stood almost Immortal Man,
 Till Love let fall a blow, that made me reel,
 And pointed beauty through my armour ran;
 Can you forgive the rudeness of my mind?

Ref. Forgo you Jealousie, and I'll be kind.

Enter Massina unbound.

Han. May a rash Man, wrong'd Prince, your pardon crave?

Mass. No, Sir, my Pardon you shall never have;
 For know I hate thee on a double score
 Much for thy Loye, more for Tyrannick Pow'r:
 Princes who have like me dishonour'd been,
 Should blush to be dishonour'd so agen.

Fall, die, dispatch, to Fortune's malice bow,
Thy Royal Uncle would not own thee now.
Life proffer'd with the World, I wou'd not take;
Yet I could live for *Rosalinda's* sake:

Speak *Hannibal*, wilt thou thy share resign?

Ref. He may; but I can never part with mine.

Mass. How, never?

Ref. Never.

Mass. O unkind hard Heart!

Love when he shot me, sure mistook his Dart,
Or chang'd with death, whose quick destroying Shaft
Thus drinks my blood, thus with a full deep draught.

[*Stabs himself.*]

Ref. Hold, cruel Prince; the Dagger from him wrest.

Han. Too late, alas! I drew it from his breast.

Ref. What have you done?

Mass. Only my body drain'd

Of that sick blood, which *Hannibal* had stain'd:

What less than Death could I to honour give?

And love neglected, charg'd me not to live.

Now you may take him, take him to you all,

This cruel, haughty, happy *Hannibal*.

Han. The bus'ness of our Life's a senseless thing;

Why burns th' ambitious Man to be a King?

Or to what purpose does the Warrior call

For arms? Or Gown-men bustle in the Hall?

Sport for the Gods, they whirl us here and there,

As Boys blow watry bubbles in the air.

My help! —

Mass. Ah let me not be touch'd by thee,

If Foes may capable of pity be.

Your *Rosalinda* seize, and with her fly

To Golden beds; embrace her fast, while I

Within my dark and dusty Dungeon lie.

[*Dies.*]

Han. Crouds of ill-boding thoughts my Soul dismay.

His body to the *Roman* Camp convey,

Hears'd in a Mourning Chariot, softly tread,

And look so sad that they may think you dead. } *They bear off*

Ref. This your suspicion of my Honour was: } *the Body.*

See the effects where Jealousie's the cause.

Ah

Ah cruel *Victor*, I could curse thee now ;
 Wish all thy Lawrels blasted on thy brow.
 Love sick'ns, with this deed, my Transports fade,
 Would we were both in Earths low Cavern laid,
 Curtain'd with shady horrors, where the Sun
 And Stars their Fiery Courses never run,
 But all the business of the World is done.

} [Exit.

Han. Oh that my Heart her future State could find :
 Know to what good or ill this Life's design'd.
 Prudence against such knowledge may advise :
 But who of all mankind was always wise ?
 For the great secret to the God's I'll go ;
 And if they fail me, fathom so't below,
 Though hid by Fate under a thousand Rocks,
 And drag it up by the dark jetty locks.
 Let it gashly as a Gorgon come,
 Stiff with the view, I will outgaze my doom.

The SCENE the City of Cirta.

Enter King Massinissa, and Menander.

[Trumpets sound a lofty March.

K. Mas. Was ever Victory so swiftly won ?
 We scarce had leisure to demand the Town,
 Their Gates they opened with such haste and fear,
 As if our Conquering Swords Enchanted were.

Men. Syphax, the great Usurper of your Throne,
 Is to revenging Furies downwards gone :
 In Hells low Valleys grown the darkest weed,
 And feels the stings that make ambition bleed.

K. Mas. Straight to the Palace bid our Forces turn,
 Where *Sophonisba* does her losses mourn,
 We'll visit that forsworn illustrious fair,
 To let her see how unconcern'd we are.

Men. Since you have promised that you would forsake,
 Why should your Virtue needleless trials make ?
 Love, though scarce warm, within your bosom pent,
 Fann'd with her kindling sighs, may get a vent:

Like

Like heat which stifled in some closer space,
If any air gets in, fires all the place.

K. Mas. Darst thou suspect? I say, it cannot be:
Has air, or its wing'd Rangers, liberty?
Loose, like the wind; as the wide Ocean free;
My enlarg'd Soul rolls wantonly along,
Can hear unmov'd the warbling *Syren's* Song;
Braving her Eyes, her falshood I'll upbraid,
For those rude wrongs she on my Virtue laid.

Man. Your Majesty best knows what's fit to chuse;
I humbly offer'd what you may refuse.

K. Mas. Perhaps my present rage I may not keep;
For she has words would make the Cruel weep;
And Charms as powerful as *Circes* wiles;
As ravish'd Virgins sighs, or Infants smiles.
But I more blind with Rage than she with Tears,
Maugre the cunning which her sorrow wears,
Her hopes will laugh at, and despise her fears.

The SCENE The Palace.

Enter Sophonisba, Rezambe and Merna.

Soph. Rome and the World, against my Life combine;
Methinks I'm still a Queen whilst this is mine.
Though *Massinissa* has the King d'rethroned,
And his Victorious Troops possess the Town;
Yet *Sophonisba* is, and shall be free,
Sight of the frighted Senators Decree.
They blush to see this Life so glorious thine;
And fear their Eagles Eyes should dazl'd be with mine.
Merna, if I have ought from thee deserv'd,
Be grateful thus, and thou hast nobly serv'd.

Mer. Not for the World.

Soph. *Rezambe*, thou art brave,
Strike, and the *Carthaginian* glory save.
How will the Just, the Valiant, and the Wise,
Extol thy Virtue, and thy Courage prize?
Who durst the softness of thy Sex forego,
And free thy Country with one desperate blow,
A deed that will even *Hannibal* outdo.

Rez. Rather than I would live to see those Hands,
Which Kings have kiss'd, setter'd with *Roman* Bands;
That Body like a Pageant wretch adorn'd,
Gracing the Victor's wheels your greatness scorn'd:
Rather than this endure, by all that's good,
I'd bathe this dagger in your Life's warm Flood,
Till the Haft reek'd with your Hearts Royal blood.

Soph. O thou most noble Martial worthy Maid,
If by thy Eyes my Soul could be survey'd,
Thou wouldst believe what cannot be exprest,
How dear thou art to *Sophonisba's* breast.
Thy voice, like sad, but pleasing Musick flew;
Like dying Swans, 'twas sweet and fatal too.
Now strike, and bravely act thy Tragick part:
Just here, strike through and through this wretched Heart.

Rez. Death's our last remedy, as 'tis the worst:
'Tis fit you try the Victor's mercy first.
Prince *Massinissa* lov'd you once; who knows
But the same passion in his bosom glows?
Blow it into a Flame; try all your Charms:
Love laughs at brandish'd Swords, and glittering arms.

Mer. Never was Man like *Massinissa* kind;
By nature mild, and amorously inclin'd.
Not vanquish'd *Syphax* dying sell so low,
As this charm'd Prince will to your beauty bow.

Rez. Imputed Treachery you ought to clear;
Let Guilt shrink back, and Innocence appear:
I'll hide the Ponyard in my robe; if he
Dooms you a Slave, this gives you liberty.

Soph. When breach of Faith joyn'd Hearts does dis-engage,
The calmest Temper turns to wildest Rage:
He thinks me false, though I have been most true;
And thinking so, what may his fury do?

Rez. His Trumpets Clangers make the Palace ring,
Here wait your fate, and this Victorious King.

Enter King Massinissa, Menander, Attendants.

K. Mass. Madam, I come to tell you that you are
No more a Queen, but Prisoner of War.
The King, whose loss is probable you grieve,
To whose lov'd memory shall I tell you give,

For Judgment is to Heav'n's Tribunal gone ;
And I now come to claim my Father's Throne.
You in the War have been unfortunate ;
Not but your Cause deserv'd a better fate.

Soph. Of Empire's Joys to you a Gift I make,
More willingly than I did ever take,
Freely as ever *Syphax* made it mine,
To *Massinissa* I my Crown resign.

K. Mas. Not as your gift ; Crowns I should then despise.
But as my right by Birth and Valour's Prize,
My Father *Galla's* Diadem I'll bear,
And all the Royalties of *Cirta* wear.

Soph. These Springs of grief unkindness now supplies.

K. Mass. *Syphax* deserv'd that Tribute from your Eyes.

Soph. There is a Cause more worthy of these Tears.

K. Mas. More worthy ? what, than *Syphax* ? for your sake,
Did he not Fame and Empire Victims make,
Giving Love over-measure ; when at last,
He threw his Life up for you as a Cast ?

Soph. If what I speak might kindly be receiv'd——
But misery can never be believ'd.

K. Mas. Not you believ'd ! O Gods, is it clear day ?
So manifest are all things that you say.
Not you believ'd ! what hardned Infidel
Shall dare to doubt the Oracles you tell ?

Soph. I will, when sorrow shall permit me, speak ;
But sure my Heart must with unkindness break.

K. Mass. 'Tis possible ; yet, Madam, e're I go,
Express your will, for I have much to do :
My Men I have not plac'd ; my Father's Throne
We have not fill'd ; I must, I must be gone.

Menander, do we Triumph ?

Men. Bravely, Sir ;
All like your self, and more than Conquerour.

Rez. Merna, we're lost : with what a haughty scorn
He turns away, and smiles to see her mourn.

Soph. Are you not *Massinissa* call'd ?

K. Mas. I am.

Soph. Have you not heard of *Sophonisba's* name ?
She who unmov'd your high disdain endures ;
Yet *Sophonisba* who was always yours.

K. Mas. Oh Heavens!

Soph. Whom wasting cares did all the day devour,
Who watch'd all Night, counting each tedious hour:
And never found that there were joys in Power. }

K. Mas. Ha! *Sophonisba*! yes I knew her well,
That Angel fair, and lov'd her e're she fell.
Oh, *Sophonisba*, hadst thou but a mind
Half beauteous as the case where 'tis inshrin'd,
Thou wert;——but she is dangerous to name:
My Reason's snatch'd by my tempestuous Flame.

Mnander help——

Or I shall sink in the abyss of thought,
My Vows, my Friendship, Glory, all forgot:
As when we launch into the Sea, the Land
Goes backward, with the Trees, and all the neighbouring Strand.

Mn. Be gone, my Lord, you're ruin'd if you stay.

K. Mas. What, from the vanquish'd shall we run away?

Mern. Still there's some hopes, since at her name he shooks,
And now he eyes her with a kindling look.

Rez. With that last Glance methought Love shot him there.

K. Mas. Yes, Madam, this is *Massinissa* here;
I am (so thy Confusion be it known)

A walking Grave, with sorrows overgrown,
With rooted cares, and every baneful Weed,
That nightly watchings and pale troubles breed.
Once I was free from these, and flourish'd fair,
Like a tall Tree I blossom'd in the air,
My chearful Friends like Birds about me sung;
Free from the Charms of thy deceitful Tongue, }
And ripening hopes blooming around me hung. }
Till thou, fair Murd'ress, didst like Lightning fall,
And blasted Blossoms, Branches, Root, and all.

Soph. O, *Massinissa*, hear I this from thee?

K. Mas. 'Tis equally a truth from him or me,
Or any here——why, Madam, not from me?
But if my presence should a trouble prove,
I will for ever from your sight remove.

Soph. Stay, *Massinissa*, stay, my Life, my Soul;
Why do your Eyes with such strange motion roll?
Your fury in this Heart that loves you hide.

K. Mas. Where does that Searcher of the Soul reside, Who

Who through blind tracks finds out a Womans Heart ?

Loe here's a bar, a stop to all his art,

Who wou'd not swear that such a Love was true ?

Soph. Do I not love you ? by the Gods I do.

K. Mas. Oh thou dissembler ! once this wou'd have done ;

But all thy practis'd wiles at last are known.

Just so she talk'd, and so she wept before,

And with that beauteous honest look she swore :

Gods ! if I stay, I shall believe again ;

Farewell thou greatest pleasure, greatest pain.

Soph. By all our loves, this cannot must not be ;
Those cruel words cou'd not be meant to me.

To me, who love you with a heart entire,

A Flame more lasting than the Vestal's fire,

To me, who am indeed all one desire.

Ah Prince, thy Love is all my Light and Health,

The Treasure I would hoard, my only Wealth :

Take not that from me.

K. Mas. 'Tis but vain delay.

Soph. Unkindly urg'd ; why do you turn away ; [*Kneels.*

You shall not go, 'till you have left me dead ;

My tears 'till now were never vainly shed.

O hear my sighs, my Vows, ye Powers above,

If any Power like me could ever love.

Let loose your Fires, and thaw this frozen Heart ;

And thou, dread God of Love, try every Dart.

You shannot stir.

K. Mas. What means this rising Flood ?

[*Weeps.*

Soph. Nature will start at such ingratitude :

Revenge on after ages this disgrace,

And only Monsters make of Humane Race ;

Inhumane thou.

K. Mas. She shall not ; yet she shall ;

She grasps my Heart, and cries, she'll have it all.

'Tis so, her Eyes resistless Magick bear ;

Angels I see, and Gods are dancing there.

Rise, Madam, rise ; each sigh, each softning glance

Lulls my loud wrongs ; I'm hush'd, and in a Trance.

Mus. His Sighs flow from him with so strong a gale,

As if his Soul would through his Lips exhale,

Soph.

Soph. Could you be thus? on your poor Mistress frown?
What was my fault, alas! What have I done?

K. Mas. Nothing; why, nothing; only this thou art,
My Life, my Soul, my Spirits, Blood, and Heart.
Whose Hands least thrilling touch does please above
The very act of any other Love.

Gods, how the Charms! none sure was e're like thee:
Nor wild as I; Storms borrow rage of me.
But thou art soft, and sweet, and silent all,
As births of Roses, or as blossoms fall.

Soph. This Rose that sticks so near your Heart will fade,
When planted by your hand in Deaths cold shade.

K. Mas. By mine; Not Savages would harm thy breast;
On whose refreshing Pillows *Jove* might rest,
And with immortal sweets be ever blest.
So fair, 'tis well thou art not faithful too;
I cou'd not bear my bliss, if thou wert true.

Soph. Think me not false, though I did *Syphax* wed,
Who ever was a stranger to my Bed.
Forc'd by my Father's positive Command,
I must confess I suffer'd him my hand:
Heaven curse me if I ever granted more;
Cou'd I be his, having been yours before?

K. Mas. Why do you stop? still as a statue low
I stand, nor shall the wind presume to blow.
Speak, and it shall be Night; not one shall dare
To sigh, though on the Rack he tortur'd were,
Nor for his Soul whisper a dying Prayer.

Soph. Make your Love long, and let it burn less fast:
These sudden Raptures are too hot to last.

K. Mas. Right, Madam; long if we such Joys should feel,
The furious Transports of delight would kill.
Menander to the Temple lead away,
By my clear Fame this is our Marriage day.

Soph. Your Fame does far above all Censure sit,
Free from the taunts of low repining Wit.
Kings though they err, should never be arraign'd;
But if I yield, my Glory will be stain'd.
What will the World report of such a Bride,
Who Married the same day her Husband dy'd?

K. Mas. Since *Scipio* is your mortal Enemy,
It must be so upon necessity.

Who yet will not molest you being mine.

Soph. Then to the Gods let me my breath resign.

K. Mas. Can you consent, rather than be my Wife,
To hazard Honour, Liberty, and Life?

Soph. But, Sir——

K. Mas. But, Madam, say what you can say,
You ought not, must not, and I cannot stay,
One minute more casts both our lives away.

Soph. Know, mighty Prince, I was, and am the same;
And though the World this act may justly blame,
I will be yours, and in that way you name,
But first, by all the Gods and Glory, swear,
Rather than yield me up *Rome's* Prisoner,
That you some fatal token will present,
To free me from inglorious punishment.

K. Mas. I swear by Heaven, by Glory, and by Arms,
By something more, by your own Conquering Charms,
You shall be ever from the *Romans* free;
Or I by Death will give you liberty.

Soph. Now lead me where you please.

K. Mas. A taste of bliss.

The God of Marriage seal our vows with this; [Kisses her.
Nectar, and flames, the sweets of *Hibla* grow,
About her Lips ambrosial Odours flow.
Let melancholly Monarchs Counsel take,
Wed by advice, and sullen Nuptials make;
But I prefer what thus my Arms infold,
To all the wealth that Earth or Seas can hold,
To Rocks of Diamonds, or to Hills of Gold.
Sight of proud *Rome*, and all her haughty Meen;
She was my Mistress, and shall be my Queen.

ACT IV. SCENE I.

Bellona's Temple.

An Altar is shown, with a Souldier lying upon it, arm'd all but his Head: Aglave, Cumana, standing each upon a Tripas, with Daggers in their Right-hands, and Censers in their left.

Agla. E're we our solemn Rites begin,
The Sacred Cavern purge from Sin :
About the dreadful Altar go ;
About it Incantations blow.

Cum. The dire Oblation thus we drain,
And with his Blood our Temples stain :
The Screech-Owl warns us with her Note,
Strike your Dagger in his Throat :
Gash him deep, and suck his Blood ;
Prepare his frighted Ghost a shroud.

Agla. Rise, ye Sulph'rous Flames, arise ;
Consume the baleful Sacrifice :
That of his ashes we may take,
And clotted Cinders with 'em rake,
And Viands for *Bellona* make.

Cum. Our Goddesses smil'd ; 'tis done, 'tis done ;
The *Romans* have the Battel won :
From yonder Battlement of Heaven,
I saw the *Carthaginians* driven.
They fly, they fly : The Consul there
Pursues 'em through long tracks of air :
He puts their General to rout ;
And drives 'em like a storm about.

Agla. Our Goddesses shall have Death enough ;
Her Shrine with fat of thousands stuff :
With goaty Heads her Altar fill :
And Tuns of Blood upon 'em spill.

Enter Hannibal, Maherbal, Bomilcar.

Cum. But loe, who comes ? what, what are these,
That pry into our Mysteries ?

Speak

Speak, speak, *Aglave*; I'll be gone,
 Their business know, I'll come anon:
 The fit of Prophecy's come on.

Our Goddesses does the Tunnel wind,
 And sacred horrors swell my mind. [Exit.

Agl. What are you? and what is it you would know?

Han. Men call me *Hannibal*, Rome's dreadful Foe:
 Who after many Battels lost and won,
 Resolve to perish, or my Conquest Crown.
 One Day the World's great Empire must decide;
 But, what the Gods, and that great Day provide,
 We wish to know, who dare the worst abide.

Agl. *Cumana* to the sacred Tunnel cleaves,
 Her Breast enlarg'd, the Goddesses now receives,
 And now she rages like a *Bacchanal*,
 With fury's acted, rends the holy Veil:
 Full of the Deity, about she roams,
 Stares, gapes, and on the hallowed Curtain foams:
 Cuts her hot Flesh, grovels upon the ground,
 Sings, Dances, kicks the Golden Tripods round.

*Enter Cumana scratching her Face, stabbing a Dagger into her
 Arms: Spirits following her.*

Sings.

*Beneath the Poplar's shadow lay me;
 No raging Fires will there dismay me:
 Near some Silver current lying,
 Under sleepy Poppies dying.
 I swell and am bigger than Typhon e're was;
 With a strong Band of Brass, O bind me about:
 Lest my Body should burst, for the secret to pass,
 And a vent being given, the fury got out.
 I cannot, I will not be vexed any longer;
 While I rage, I grow weak, and the Goddess grows stronger.*

She speaks.

*If Hannibal to Zama tend,
 His Valour Scipio shall commend.
 And near Bagrada, on the Plain,
 There shall be thousand Romans slain.*

Thou with thy old Italian band
Shalt put the Consul to a stand.

Sings.

Hark, hark, the Drums rattle,
Dub a dub to the Battle.
Tararara, Tararara the Trumpets too rattle.
Now, now they come on, and pell mell they mingle.
What rustling and bustling;
And splinters of Lances with broken Arms jingle,
Gold Trappings, bright Bevers, Swords, Bucklers and Daggers;
The stout Man flies on, and the faint-hearted staggers.

See, the Saddle-Girths burst,
And the General's unhorst;
But he rallies agen,
And brings up his Men,
Spight of Fortune and Fate,
And the Gods that oppose;
He hacks, and he hews,
Through the Hearts of his Foes.

Cease, Goddess, cease, thy Servant to torment;
My Lungs are with Prophetick fury spent.
The struggling Fates within my bosom turn,
And Heavenly Fires my trembling Heart-strings burn.
When will thy Godhead let me rest,
Too mighty for a mortal breast?

Agla. Cumana, to a period haste:
You shall have ease when you have done;
And sweet refreshing slumbers taste,
Upon the borders of the Moon.

A Dance of Spirits.

Can. Lo, stay off the east Byblian band,
A poyson'd General rules upon the Sand.
Gods, how he swells! how bloated is his look!
Death from the pummel of his Sword he took.

[Exit.

Han. Shall Romans fall by Carthaginians Swords,
And Carthage sink? what mean this mystick words?

A foolish Bard as much as this might tell;
 Or a white Witch, without the aid of Hell.
 More I must know; speak *Rosalinda's* doom:
 Let all the losses of a Battel come,
 May *Scipio* in the dust our Glory soil,
 We'll bear the frowns of *Mars*, if *Cupid* smile.

Agla. Too curious Mortal, seek not what once known,
 May snatch your sleep, and make you ever groan.
 Your fate crowds back, and would not come in view;
 Do not too far the unwilling Gods pursue:
 Like one, who rashly dares give Spirits chase,
 They fly a while to some dark ruin'd place,
 Through Caverns run, through Cloysters dodge him round,
 Or dance before him over Fairy ground;
 Till urg'd too far, a face all pale and sad
 Turns quick upon him, and the Fool runs mad.

Bom. Let's go, my Lord; I am not us'd to fear,
 And yet methinks I dread to tarry here.

Mab. Heaps of the slain I often have beheld,
 And with my Battel-ax have hundreds sell'd;
 Yet here I'm shaken, th' objects too funest,
 I'd rather see a Javelin at my breast.

Han. *Aglaue*, by your Goddess Arms I swear,
 We will not from the sacred Cavern stir,
 Till you have clear'd my doubts; though every Star
 At your dread call start from his flaming sphere;
 Though from her Orb, close mantled in a Cloud,
 The Moon slide down to wander in this Wood;
 Though with your Charms the Sun dissolve in blood:
 Fathom the depths of destiny below,
 And all the terrors of your Magick show.

Agla. Beneath those burthen'd branches stand,
 Safe from the Spirit I command;
 Arise, appear, thou whom his Soul does love,
 His Heart with visionary horrors move.

Rosalinda rises in a Chair, pale, with a wound on her Breast;
To Cupid's descend, and hang weeping over her.

Han. Shall *Rosalinda* then untimely die?
 'Tis false; and all these damn'd deceivers lie.

Facing thy fate, with my Sword drawn I'll stand;
 Back'd with my Conquering old *Italian Band*,
 With the same haughty fierceness rushing on,
 Which the *Saguntins* City thunder'd down:
 Like *Troy's* young *Hero*;
 Who, while the World about him did admire,
 His Father bore through Night, Death, Blood and Fire,
 Spite of opposing Hell, and War's worst harms;
 So will I bear my Love upon my arms.

Bom. To Horse, my Lord; and leave this cursed place:
 Let's go, and instantly the Consul face.

Mab. No more in this damn'd Sorcerers confide;
 Permit my Sword her body to divide:
 Or from her Corps cut her enchanted Head,
 And her black brains upon the Altar shed.

Han. We'll go, *Maherbal*, with to Morrow's dawn,
 On the vast Plain our Squadrons shall be drawn:
 Yet for some minutes Battel shall decline;
 We'll see this Consul e're our Bodies joyn to fight;
 And if on equal terms a Peace may be,
 For *Carthage* sake I'll court my Enemy.

Bom. 'Tis just you should deliberation take,
 With caution deal, and manage the last stake.

Mab. Your Armies are the Cards which both must play;
 At least come off a Saver if you may.

Han. But like *Sol's* off-spring, swell'd with dangerous Fires,
 He to the management of all aspires:
 Alone the Scepter of the World would sway,
 Alone would rule the Heav'n, and drive the day.
 Like that indulgent God, I'll first advise;
 Shew him the tracks through which ambition flies:
 If dead to all, let him ascend the Throne,
 Snatching at Glories which must weigh him down.
 Like *Jove* we'll toss him from his glistering Chair,
 Sing'd in the Clouds, hissing through liquid Air,
 And dart him headlong like a falling Star.

[Exeunt.]

Enter Scipio, meeting *Lelius* disarm'd; *Varro*, *Trebellius*,

Scip. *Lelius* return'd! and sad! Tell the *Event*.

Lel. Too late, my Lord, I was to *Cirta* sent;

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For e're some thousand paces got from hence,
I *Massinissa* met, that wretched Prince:
Not as I us'd, arm'd with a Warriour's grace,
Like *Mars* when thundring on the Plains of *Thrace*;
But in a Chariot drawn by Milk-white Steeds,
Like soft *Adonis* driving through the Meads;
And *Sophonisba* leaning on his breast,
Like *Venus* with her wanton Huntsman blest.

Scip. Are these his Vows? Some new way we must try;
Rather than live dishonour'd, he shall die.

Lel. Soon as the Tyrant *Syphax* was o'rethrown,
With Menaces he forc'd the frighted Town:
Which entred, straight he to the Palace flew,
Forgetting all his Vows, he lov'd anew;
The Conquer'd did the Conquerour subdue.
In short, her tears, and beauty won so far,
In view of all the World he married her.
They are arriv'd; and now upon the Plain;
In a Pavilion Royal doth remain.

Scip. Trebellius, go, this subtle Charmer bring;
Take all our Guards to assist against the King:
And say that we'll attend him in his Tent;
But first expect the Queen be Prisoner sent:
Tell him, She is the *Roman's* Foe; and shall
A Sacrifice for blood of thousands, fall. *[Exeunt severally.]*

Enter King Massinissa, Sophonisba.

K. Mas. Let him arm all his Pow'r against this Breast,
My Heart unmov'd shall stand the mighty Test.
What I have sworn shall like thy Virtue last;
I'll hold thee to me as my Heart strings fast.
Thou Soul of Love! all charming Excellence!
Whose very look drives stormy troubles hence,
Does all the Blessings of the Gods dispence.
Why dost thou tremble? let no sawcy fear,
Make thy Heart pant, or cause thee shed a tear.

Soph. Alas, my Lord, 'twere better I were dead,
In my cold Grave safe from these troubles laid;
Rather ten thousand Backs let me endure,
Than once be brought into the *Roman* Pow'r.

Tis

'Tis true, that you have deeply sworn you wou'd
Defend me.

K. Mas. To my Heart's last drop of blood;
Or may I by some Chawd mangled lie;
And Dogs and Vultures tear me as I die.
The Tygres will revenge her ravish'd young,
'Midst Darts, and Spears, and Javelins rush along:
The Clown, so low, and ignorant of Fame,
Will venture Life to save his swarthy Dame:
And shall not I for thee waste all this Blood,
Thou softest Blessing, and the sweetest Good?

Soph. I know not what the Gods for you intend;
But 'tis most certain I am near my end:
Not that Death's darkest horror I can fear;
But Bondage is a load I cannot bear.

K. Mas. Quit all those fancies that disturb thy rest,
And cast thy melancholy on this breast.
This Heart is ever thine.

Soph. O my lov'd Lord,
If you shou'd break——but you will keep your word,
Keep all your Oaths; yet Heaven and you know best,
Some surfeit with their Love, as on a feast,
And then they loath when once they're satiated;
But you'll remember me when I am dead,
From these dear Eyes to endless Shades remov'd,
None ere will love you sure as I have lov'd.

Enter Trebellius.

Treb. Guards wait without.——My Lord, you must resign
The Queen, whom I have order to confine.

K. Mas. Touch her not for thy life, but straight retire:
Safer thou may'st with a hundred play, than Fire,
Grapple with Death, a Pestilence invade,
With all his fatal Purple pomp array'd.

Trebellius goes to fetch her. Manilla kills him.

Treb. Cut off in my full growth, you're torn your life;
To die thus, when I but intend for life:
Just *Scipio* will revenge my Death, but I
I feel I'm going, though I know not where I die.

K. Mas.

K. Mas. Nought but thy blood cou'd wash thy guilt away,
 Who durst the rancour of thy Heart display,
 And sully with rude Hands the fairest piece
 That the Gods ever drew. Your troubles cease!
 I'm in; and now no hope of safety's nigh,
 Yet still a King, we will attended die.
 Like a brave Merchant,
 Who when his long tofs'd loaded vessel hits
 Against some Rock, with loud horrou'r splits;
 First grasps one Casket which does all contain;
 Then fearless, shoots himself into the Main:
 So I with thee, my only wealth, my all,
 Amidst the numerous slain at last must fall.
 The noise comes near: Here safe, retire from view;
 Glory and Love shall teach us what to do.

Enter Scipio, Lelius, Varro, Guards.

Lel. Trebellius slain! and in a Womans Cause!
 Shame to our Arms, disgrace to honour's Laws.
 What flames of mischief from this spark might rise?
 'Tis just with rigour you his fault chastise.

Scip. Yet *Massinissa* thou shalt dearly buy
 Thy ill-got Love, and fatal Gallantry.
 Curle on in wanton ways, bask in her Charms;
 By *Mars* she is a Victim to our Arms.

K. Mass. meets him.

K. Mas. Your high displeasure in your Face I spy:
 When the great *Scipio* frowns, great danger's nigh.
 The fact I must confess, done in defence
 Of Beauty wrong'd, and helpless Innocence.

Scip. Where is that fair Incendiary fled?
 E're to extreamest rigour we proceed;
 I strictly charge thee bring her forth to bleed:
 Or on thy person I will vengeance take;
 And thou shalt perish for thy Mistress's sake.

K. Mas. With greedy joy I offer you my Life;
 If by the Gods you swear to free my Wife.

Scip. You shall not for her sake have leave to die,
 Now will I give her Life for Liberty.

For *Rome*, not for your sake, this War was wag'd,
 You only as a Volantier engag'd:
 Therefore what ever Towns, or Captives, fall
 Into your Hands, they are the *Romans* all.

K. Mas. Then thus I draw, think it not insolence,
 For it's not meant, Sir, in my own defence;
 But to preserve a sacred Innocence,
 From their bright Thrones perhaps the Gods will glide,
 And range themselves in Battell on my side:
 Beneath a Cause so just I cannot fall;
 I, and the Gods, will fight it with you all.

Scip. Thou deem'st thy Lust on Action great and good;
 Death ought to cool this Fever in thy blood,
 With me contending, against Fate you strive,
 Yet I will pity shew; take him alive.

K. Mas. Ingloriously you have a Conquest made,
 That breast my tim'rous arm durst not invade.
 My heart, though prompted by her powerful Charms,
 Fainted before the Master of my arms.
 Nor shall you yet my Soul's lov'd Treasure reach,
 My body thus dams up the narrow breach:
 And he who dares——
 Rashly on this forbidden Earth to tread,
 I'll grasp his Soul, I'll spurn him to the dead.

Trumpets within, enter Menander.

Scip. What means this mournful noise, whose Tragick sound,
 With solemn horror does my thoughts confound?

Men. O, sacred Sir,

Scip. What, Souldier, all in Tears?

Men. Sorrow her self close Mourner now appears:

The Prince *Massina* slain: see blasted there,
 The hopes you lov'd, the darling of the War.
 That beauteous Captive who with you did treat,
 He to the *Carthaginian* Camp did wait:
 Where *Hannibal* of's Beauty jealous grown,
 Cast him in bands; but when his birth was known,
 As soon unbound; but then despair did move,
 Despair of Glory, and despair of Love:

Which

Which when the Royal Youth had rashly weigh'd,
And Fate with murmuring thoughts a while delay'd;
A Ponyard from his Robe unmark'd he took,
And to his Heart the deadly weapon strook.

Scip. Behold, of furious Love the dire Event!
Yet *Massanissa*, wilt thou not repent?
Behold the Pledge you left, for your default,
By Heavens high Justice to Perdition brought.

K. Mas. Was ever Man thus wretched, and durst live
Yet will I not one tear to Nature give;
Left Bankrupt-like I lavish what's not mine,
Since all my stock of sorrow, Love, is thine.

Scip. Remove the Princes body from his sight,
Left too much grief should to distraction fright.
Yet if thou'lt bring her forth, we will forget
This daring rashness, which is Passion's heat;
Thy Glory with fresh Laurels we'll advance,
And with due praise thy valiant acts in hance:
Thy Pile of Honour this Right-hand shall build.
Why dost thou weep?

K. Mas. Because I dare not yield:
No, Sir, my Love I never can betray,
Though you have touch'd me in the noblest way.

Scip. Canst thou both Promises and Threats refuse?

K. Mas. Death, and what's worse, you only bid me chuse.

Scip. Bring forth thy Love, and Life thou shalt enjoy.

K. Mas. Is that a Life? Your purpose act; destroy:
Turn all your Javelins points against this breast;
But let it not of Love be dispossest.

Scip. Must I, who can Command, thus vainly sue?

K. Mas. My stubborn Heart Death only can subdue.

Scip. Then take that Death which you so little dread.

Enter Sophonisba

Soph. Stay, Tyrant, hold; first thou shalt strike me dead;
Come on, with thy brave Sword rip up my breast,
And fix my panting Heart on thy proud Crest;
There let it hang, thy Valour's Trophy grown,
To all the wondring World let it be shown:
That none but Fools the Conquest may deplore,
While all the brave admire the Conquerour.

A Conquerour so great, with one sole blow,
 He could even *Hercules* himself out-do.
 O Heavens! he durst attempt, (what shall I say?
 What Words his Heart's fierce grandeur can display?)
 In heat of Blood he durst a Woman slay!

Scip. When Ladies rail, a Soulder should be mute;
 Besides, I have no leisure to dispute.
 As *Helen* did to *Troy* perdition bring,
 Where e're you come your Eyes destruction sing.
 When will your thirsty Charms with Blood be cloy'd
 Two Kings you have like that fair *Greek* destroy'd,
 Spight of your Pride, you shall to *Rome* be led;
 And there, for all your Witchcrafts, lose your Head;

Soph. On with thy threats, thy violent course pursue;
 Enjoy thy bloody wishes, *Tyger*, do;
 Barbarian, for in *Rome* thou wert not born;
 By such a wretch her glories are not worn,
 Unless when dress'd up to be Sacrific'd:
 To thee, the *Moors* and *Goths* are civil'd:
 Gorge thy self, *Saturn*, make my Flesh thy Food,
 And laugh when thou art drunk with a Queens Blood.

K. Mas. All will be well; fair Excellence, retire;
 Add not fresh Fuel to the dying Fire.

Soph. To you, and Heaven, my Heart must ever bow;
 Content, with thee I am not angry now.

Scip. Observe, ungovern'd Prince, with how much ease
 This Royal Fox we, if we would, might seize;
 Yet, on your promise that she shall not go
 Till we the Fate of War at *Zama* know,
 We will permit her in your Tent to remain.
 But oh, my Friend, break this inglorious Chain:
 Contrive some means to keep your Faith with me;
 And set your Heart from that curst Charmer free. [Exit,

K. Mas. O rigid Honour, must you separate then?
 Lose all the sweets of Life to purchase Pain?

Men. If she were dead, your Glory were secure.

K. Mas. But could I then this wretched Life endure
 Without her live? it's fatal to refuse,
 And Glory ruins me if Love I chuse.
 What help, *Menander*?

Men. 'Tis the sport of Heaven,
When Ships on Rocks are in the Harbour driv'n:
Having through thousand stormy dangers past,
In prospect of your Bliss, you're wrack'd at last.

K. Mas. Like one, who having scap'd the Waves, arrives
To some lone Rock, and there more wretched lives;
Half famish'd, on the ragged Flint he stands,
Viewing with watry Eyes the distant Strands,
And past his call, Men walking on the Lands:
With Sighs he swells the Wind; and looking round,
Mourns his sad choice, or to be starv'd or drown'd. *[Exeunt.]*

ACT V. SCENE I.

Hannibal and Scipio.

Han. Art thou the Chief whom Men fam'd *Scipio* call?
Scip. Art thou the much more famous *Hannibal*?

Han. Since by our partial Fate it is ordain'd,
That I, who have such dreadful Battels gain'd,
That, torrent like, which from some Mountain falls,
Ran from the Cloudy Alps, to *Rome's* proud Walls,
Shou'd now at last for Peace inglorious sue;
I thank the Gods that they have chosen you
To reap that Honour by this Interview.

Scip. In civil praise, and from so brave a Foe,
True courage does a sense of pleasure show:
Thy Words inspire me with such vast delight,
'Twill scarce be more to vanquish thee in fight.

Han. 'Twas much the Gods to our Fore-fathers gave,
That you should *Italy*, we *Africk* have;
Our *Africk* Arms much *Roman* Blood has spilt,
And *Carthage* has the *Roman* fury felt:
What say'st thou, *Scipio*, is it Peace or War?
Th' Invasion made by us we will repair:
We'll give you *Cicily*, *Sardinia*, *Spain*,
And all the Islands which our Arms did gain,
'Twixt *Italy* and *Africk*, on the Main.

Thy boyling Courage does to War incline,
 And Glory more than Profit you design;
 Such Fortune once did on our Genius shine:
 But long experience, and the chance of War,
 Makes me at present certain Peace prefer.
 Grasp not at Scepters which may turn to Rods:
 To Day is yours, to Morrow is the Gods.

Scip. That your late Landing upon *Leptis Coast*,
 Restor'd those hopes which drooping *Carthage* lost,
 All must confess, we know you are that Man,
 Whose Glory to the utmost *Tibule* ran;
 Born in a Winters Camp, in battels bred,
 Whilst yet a Stripling durst an army head;
 Whose very name could make the *Romans* mourn,
 And forc'd dead groans from every hollow Urn:
 The boldest Senators began to droop;
 Yet when all fainted, I alone stood up,
 And fac'd that Storm which threatned from afar;
 Shot warmth, and rose upon 'em like a Star:
 To *Africa* came, and in few months retriev'd,
 All that your arms for many years atchiev'd.
 Peace I refuse, unless you offer more:
 You give nought yet but what was ours before.
 Since all the Neighbour Kings our actions eye,
 It rests at last we should our Fortune try:
 Let one victorious be, the other die.

Han. Gods, that the glorious *Hannibal* should bow
 To be refus'd! It shall be Battel now.
 Forgetful *Hero*, couldst thou court the Son,
 Twice by whose force his Father was o'rethrown;
Scipio, thou may'st too late repent thy Pride,
 And vainly in thy Death this fury chide.
 On *Fabius* think, *Rome's* shield, her Guard from harms;
 Her Sword, *Marcellus*, broken by my arms:
 Remember great *Emilius* slain by me;
 And then think last what may thy Fortune be,
 Ere yet the day be done,
 With Seas of Gore we'll drown the neighbouring Woods;
 And yonder Sun shall set in *Roman* blood.

Scip. Prepare to hear thy last, thy last alarms.

Han. In Battel we shall meet: to arms, to arms. [Exeunt.]

Enter Rosalinda in Man's Apparel.

Ros. Thus drest, and with this Warlike Weapon drawn,
What hinders but an army I lead on?
Oh cruel Nature, why didst thou disgrace
So brave a Spirit with a Female Face?
All Women wou'd, but sure no Woman can;
Be chang'd into the Lordly Creature Man.
However, with this Garb I fit my mind,
Whose high ambition has great things design'd:
I'll out, and chase, if *Hannibal* succeeds;
And if he falls, then *Rosalinda* bleeds.

Enter Hannibal, Maherbal, Bomilcar.

Han. Both Wings are lost, the *Carthaginians* yield,
Fierce *Caius Lelius* drives 'em through the Field:
The *Gauls* and the *Ligurians* quit their ground;
The *Massilian* King does all confound:
With such swift force his Arms our Troops assail,
As Hurricanes toss showers, and scatter Hail.

Bom. Wild as our Elephants, about he raves,
And tramples on those mercenary Slaves,
Who scouring through the Field avoid his stroke,
And fly like flocks of Doves before a Hawk.

Mah. Your valiant old *Italian* Troops stand fast,
Resolv'd to fight your battel to the last.
The Conquering Consul riding o're the Plain,
With all his Officers and bravest Men:
The *Hastati* and *Triarii* this way comes,
With Trumpets sounding, and with beat of Drums.

Han. Auspicious *Juno*, thou that didst e're-while
Favour our Cause, and on our *Carthage* smile;
Prosper our arms this bloody dreadful day,
And *Hannibal* shall the foundation lay
Of such a Temple sacred to thy name,
As ne're was found in the Records of Fame.

[Exeunt.]

Enter

Enter King Massinissa, Lelius.

K. Mas. Their flight has wing'd the Cowards; let 'em fly,
Not worthy by such Conquering Swords to die.
'Tis time we to the Consul should repair,
Rejoyn our Forces, and conclude the War.

SCENE of Hannibal and Scipio fighting, the Consul gives
ground: *Enter K. Mas. and Lel. and beat Han. off.*

Scip. Gods, what prodigious Valour have you sent,
And what rewards are worthy to present!
O Massinissa!

With what impetuous swiftness Fortunes Wheel
Turn'd with thy stroaks! how did the valiant reel!

Lel. As when some distant lab'rer hews an Oak,
We see his Arm rais'd for a second stroak,
E're the first blow's report can reach our Ear;
So flagg'd our sense; nor could it reach him there.

Scip. The Italian Troops shrunk from his Marshal fire,
But Hannibal himself did last retire:
All Lion like,
Whom a bold band of Huntsmen having found,
And dar'd to rouse, he rowls his Eyes around,
Lashing his sides, and tearing up the ground,
With trouble from th' unequal skirmish goes,
Majestick stalks, and turns upon his Foes:
So from the Fight went the great General,
Proud in his loss, and rising from his fall. *[Exeunt.]*

Enter Souldiers skimming, Rosalinda falls.

Ros. Heaven thou hast done thy worst, there needs no more:
Bold with my overthrow, brave thy Power,
And shake the Glass that holds my latest hour.
O, Hannibal! did I for this design
This Heart, this Youth and Beauty only chine?
Pride and neglect on every Lover hurl'd,
Scorn'd him that Conquers thee, and all the World:
From me, lost Hero, learn to be great, and die:
The brave should bleed for loss of Victory.

Enter

Enter Hannibal, Maherbal, Bomilcar.

Han. Carthage is lost, and Hannibal o'rethrown;
What is there left that we may call our own?
The bleeding World, Rome does by Conquest claim,
And swells the prize with our revolted fame:
Yet spite of Fate our length of Earth we have;
Thus vanquish'd, Glory shrowd thee in a Grave.

Bom. Hold, General; the Gods your Death forbid;
Vengeance is due; first let false *Hanno* bleed,
Who cut the Wings of Conquest till she fell.

Mah. By me he shall be headlong sent to Hell:
Where Fiends for Treason kindle double Fire:
Then let the famous *Hannibal* expire.

Ref. Sure I the name of *Hannibal* did hear;
Maherbal, tell me, is the General there?

Mah. Approach, my Lord, view well this wounded fair:
Sure in your *Capuan* Mistress I have seen
The same Majestick Air, and charming meen.

Han. Ha! thou hast rows'd a thought that wracks me more,
Than all the losses I in Battel bore.
Either I dream, or in this closing Eye
My dazled senses *Rosalinda* spie.

Ref. Where do th' ambitious rest? O *Hannibal*!

Han. What art, that dost upon the wretched call?

Ref. One that's more wretched; and more rash than thou,
That would to Fate, and not to *Scipio* bow.
Disguis'd, and dying *Rosalinda* see,
Who mourns in Death thy loss of Victory:
That last disgrace.

Han. Dire Goddess of War,
Too true I find all thy presages are.
The Gods have given a double overthrow;
Wou'd I had bravely perish'd by my Foe:
Stretch'd in the Field, this loss I had not known,
Nor should my tortur'd Soul thy ruine moan.

Ref. Is it so hard our wishes to obtain;
Sad Hearts with bleeding loss Love's burning pain.

Han. O dying fair, look up, revive a while;
With one short joy eternal care beguile:

The setting Sun all curtain'd round with Night,
At his departure gives a larger Light.

Rof. Flow faster Blood; It will not be, I fear;
The wound's so small, Death cannot enter here.
But shall I stay behind, when Honour's fled?

Han. Live, and I'll raise that Honour from the Dead.

Rof. Renown runs on like Time, but ne're turns back.

Han. Then we that swift Renown will overtake;
We'll haste where Glory baits, to every hold,
And mount new Fame till we outstrip the old.

Rof. Dear Hannibal, alas! I wish I could;
But 'twill not be; Life trembling takes the Flood,
Till well-nigh swallowed in Waves of Blood.
The Roman Glory shines too fatal bright;
And with it's gathering lustre dims my sight.
Eternally adieu: my Body take,
Chaste and entire I kept it for your sake;
'Tis the last Present that I now can make.

Han. For ever gone; all her sweet stock of breath
Spent in one Sigh; the riot of rich Death;
Now by my Arms the Gods too partial are,
Or else they envy'd my full trade of War:
Which cou'd so vast a state of Beauty buy,
As far surpass'd the Mannors of their Sky.
Dead *Rosalinda*—

Bom. Raise you from the Ground,
And let not Love your Vertues force confound;
Where is that heat and haughty Courage gone,
Which against Nature's Lets your Troops led on?

Mab. Think you for naught the Gods such Valour gave?
You should prop Thrones, and falling Kingdoms save.
Buried in thought, and deaf to Honour's call,
Your Soul beneath her mighty pitch does fall.

Han. *Maherbal*, no; astonish'd thou shalt be;
We dare be brave in spite of Destiny.
Though rob'd of all the Riches Love could give,
And strip'd of Glory too, yet we will live:
Courage is form'd of the Etherial mold,
And round it bands of Adamant are roll'd.

To this still haughty breast such fire is given;
 I could the Summons meet of Hell or Heaven:
 Cou'd, like the great Eternal Mover, sway
 The World in arms, and teach him to obey.
 'Twas noble grief that lately chang'd my form,
 But I am ruffled now into a storm.

Bom. your Mistress body hence we will convey,
 And in some hallowed Vault her Relicks lay.

Mab. Like Pilgrims, once a year we'll Mourning go,
 And on her Urn sad Yew with Cypress throw,
 And all our stock of Tears and Sigh's bestow.

Han. For ever, brightest, of the kind, farewell,
 Who wert too worthy; therefore early fell.
 As the young Phoenix does in sacred Myrrhe
 His Father's Dust to the Suns Temple bear,
 So in Fames Houses shalt thou Honour'd be,
 And every God shall have a grain of thee.

Mab. Since Glory with her last breath she profess,
 May with'd Dominion widen all your breast.

Han. Haste, haste, *Maherbal*, and fresh Levies make;
 Honour that did but now calm slumbers take,
 Shall like the Ocean in a tempest wake:
 We'll pass new *Alpes*, new Consuls overthrow,
 To *Rome* with far more dreadful armies go;
 Forcing the *Appian* and *Emilian* way,
 To the *Suburra* we'll pursue the Fray;
 Nor stop till *Rosalinda's* Statue Crown'd,
 Sits in the Capitol with Gods Enthron'd.

[*Exeunt.*]

Scipio, K. Massinissa, Lelius, &c.

Scip. I grieve, brave Prince, so often to deny;
 She must a Captive be, or we must die.

K. Mas. I know she must if you will have it so;
 But Pardon may be granted to a Foe:
 O spare her, then; as you would be forgiven
 At your last hour, when you prepare for Heaven.

Scip. Learn to ask blessings; those you shall not want:
 This is a curse which I can never grant.
 Like one, who in a burning Fever lies,
 And begs for Water, if he drinks, he dies:

I like a wife Physitian, thwart your will,
And vanquish your distemper with my skill.

K. Mas. For the Gods sake, for Friendship, Glory, Love,
By all that's good below, or blest above,
Let not at last my well-taught Courage droop;
Break not the Heart, which you have fostered up.

Oh *Sophonisba*— Give her to my Prayers,
To these fast rising sighs, and falling tears:
No other Crown I ask as Valour's due,
For all that I have done, or all that I shall do.
Lo, 'at your knees, behold a Monarch fall:
Yet more, your Friend, and then I have said all.

Scip. Let not your passion royalty degrade;
Rise, Valiant Prince, I've thought of what you said:
And as your Friend my temper cannot keep,
Mourn your Misfortunes, and like you can weep:
Curse *Roman* Tyranny, and wish you were
For ever join'd with that unhappy Fair.

K. Mas. Oh you have blest me!

Scip. Messimissa, stay;
You only heard what Friendship bid me say:
But as *Rome's* Consul, and the Lord of Power,
I now command you never see her more,
Unless the View to her may fatal be;
This is my last immutable Decree.

K. Mas. Is your fain'd pity come to this? your tears
Falsar than those which *Egypt's* Monster wears:
Tyrannick *Rome*! Barbarous are all thy Laws;
Have I for this, in thy accursed Cause,
Starv'd Life, by lavishing her precious food,
My spirits lost, empried my dearest blood,
Fought till I Rampiers made of bodies round;
So mark'd with Fate, that I appear'd one wound,
Yet rais'd thy bleeding Eagles from the ground?

Scip. Think no more on't; her Memory forget.

K. Mas. Cut me to Atoms, tear my Soul out; yet
In every smallest Particle of me,
You shall the form of *Sophonisba* see:
All like my Soul, and all in every part,
Bath'd in my Eyes and bleeding in my Heart.

Scip. Lelius, secure the Queen.

K. Mas. Stay, Lelius, stay;

I've done, my Lord, and will your Power obey:

The Queen shall die, on a King's word she shall;

She must a Victim for the Empire fall.

How am I now?

Scip. For Sophonisba's loss,

Your Arms *Numidia's* Empire shall engross.

For your late Gallantry at *Zama* shown,

Kind *Rome* presents you an Imperial Crown,

Salutes you King. Now all your griefs desic;

Thus we embrace thee as our brave Allie.

Give your grief truce: thus prais'd, and thus adorn'd,

Let all the Beauties of the Earth be scorn'd.

[Exit.

K. Mas. Scorn'd be your Glory more, and Roman Pride,

While I in Winding-sheets embrace my Bride.

For 'tis decreed that we must never part,

We'll be one Spirit, as we're now one Heart:

Traverse the glittering Chambers of the Sky,

Born in a Cloud, in view of Fate I'll lie;

And press her Soul, while Gods stand wishing by.

Men. My Lord, if you would hear.

K. Mas. What canst thou say?

Men. Reason's a Rebel when high Passions sway.

K. Mas. And such art thou; yet speak, what shall I do?
Instruct me to be greatly false, or true.

Men. The Queen must die.

K. Mas. Ha! must? no more.

Men. She to the Gods is given, or Roman Power.

K. Mas. Neither; she shall not die; nor shall she live
The Roman's Slave; I'll give her a Reprieve.

Men. But how?

K. Mas. Why thus: I'll kill my self, kill thee,
Rome, Carthage, all the World; and then she shall live free.

Men. Glory or Beauty 'tis ordain'd you lose.

K. Mas. O Rome! Oh Heaven! both equally my Foes:
Was ever Heart thus miserably torn?

Were ever Woes like mine so calmly born?

From the Contagion of my Troubles take

As much as might the Spring's Winter mite,

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Freeze

Freeze the hot blood of a Crown'd Conquerour,
Damp the wish'd joys of a young bridal pair;
Yet then I shall have more than Man can bear.

Men. When Virtue thus oppress'd, Mankind does see,
What fearful dreaming fool will pious be?
Martyrs no more shall Racks or Flames require,
Nor dying wish; but only Life desire,
To murder Priests, and Temples set on fire;

K. Mas. Why, ye Immortal Gods, is all the care?
Why do you drive your Creatures to despair?
Had I upon my Throne sat King of Fears,
The Orphan wrong'd, or drunk the Widows Tears:
Had I brav'd Heav'n by some outrageous sin,
For these afflictions there had reason been:
But 'tis all well, I no injustice have;

The Gods but take the being which they gave.
Menander, haste, two bowls with poyson fill;
And, when I call, like Fate, come forth, and kill.

Men. 'Tis a dread deed to which you urge my Hand.

K. Mas. It's glorious too: dispute not my command.

Men. I'll not presume to fathom your deep thought;
But straight your Will shall by your Slave be wrought.

K. Mas. Love and ambition have their utmost done,
'Twas Love allur'd, ambition led me on,
Like a rash boy, who a steep Mountain climbs,
Big with brave thoughts of reaching Heav'n betimes,
And puffs and blows, and mighty pains he takes,
Plies all his strength, and much ado he makes;
But having reach'd the top, he views aloof
The fancied Heaven, and all the painted roof,
So did ambition draw me with a wile,
And fleeing Love my towering hopes beguile.

[Exit.]

Enter Sophonisha.

Soph. The Consul is return'd with Conquest Crown'd;
Triumphant Voices rend the Echoing Ground,
And to the Heavens the Trumpets Clangor sound;
Yet I no news of *Mithridates* hear:
Shou'd he be slain, which I with Reason fear.

Molt

Most lost of Women, desperate undone,
 What could'st thou do? what Gods would'st thou atone?
 Abhor'd, thou must to angry *Rome* repair
 And all the cruelties of bondage bear.
 No, *Sophonisba*, think what thou hast been,
 The Mistress of two Monarchs, twice a Queen.
 If thou must fall, bravely resign thy breath,
 And be above the *Romans* in thy death.

Enter King Mithridates.

Oh, my lov'd Lord! are you then come at last?
 Are you alive? and do I hold you fast?

K. Maf. Best of thy Sex, and dearer than my Life,
 The fairest Mistress, and the gentlest Wife!
 So great and Glorious, Emperours envy thee;
 And art so good, that the Gods envy me.
 They sent thee here, but as an Angel-scur,
 With a short lightning view, to gaze, and out:
 Torments of Hell, and Racks of destiny!
 Thou must, oh that I live to speak it! die.

Soph. Blest sound! we shall not then to *Rome* be led;
 But solemn Triumphs have in Honours Bed.
 This last alarm my drooping Spirits cheers,
 As when the Warriour his lov'd Trumpet hears;
 His Martial blood begins to warm apace,
 And boils, and flushes in his kindling face,
 And much he longs to strive in Glories Race.
 Speak Death again, my Guard and sure Defence;
 It bears a mighty sound, and mighty sense.

K. Maf. O keep thee there, now while thy Virtues glow,
 And dart Divinity. I'll give the blow.
 Come forth, *Menander*, with those fatal Bowls,
 Whose Juice, though it the Body's force Controls,
 Revives the Mind, and slakes the thirst of Souls.

Enter Menander, with two Bowls.

Give me the Draught.

Soph. What means my Royal Love?

K. Maf. By your bright self, by all the Powers above,
 No Angel's Eloquence my Soul shall move.

To die with thee, and thy dear honour live;
What greater Glory could the Ambitious have?

'Twill build a Palace for me in the Grave.

Not but that in the agonies of breath;

I tremble when I think upon thy Death.

Soph. Thou best of Men, whose Fame where'er it lies,
Shall draw up bleeding Hearts, and weeping Eyes,

Let not your Soul tremble for me; for I

Can fear no Torment, but to see you die.

K. Mas. Then cheerfully let's go; here's to my Love,
And to our meeting with the blest above. [Drinks.]

Soph. Give me the Bowl, mark if my hand does shake,
Or the fresh springing blood my Cheeks forsake.

Undaunted to my Lips the Draught I lift,

'Tis to my Lord, this is his Nuptial Gift. [Drinks.]

K. Mas. Menander, lastful Confident farewell,

Haste, and our Story to the Consul tell.

On thy allegiance go without reply,

Thou shouldest rejoyce to see me bravely die. [Ex. Men.]

How fares my only Love? My first, last Dear?

The sweets of thoudand Springs are blowing here.

All in thy sighs!

Soph. Ah, give your kindness o're,

Or we shall live, and feel the Roman Power.

Merhought Death touch'd me with a chilling pain;

But your warm kisses shot through every Vein

A kinder heat, and kindled Life again.

K. Mas. Thus let us launch into Eternity:

Sink in Death's bottomless and boundless Sea:

Like drowning Friends, link'd in Embraces fast,

Our Arms, Love's Nets, about each other cast.

Soph. What could long Life, or Empire give like this?

K. Mas. Thy Love is Empire, and eternal bliss.

Soph. I go, where shall we meet? [Dies.]

K. Mas. The Gods can tell.

Heaven's Peace, and golden slumbers with thee dwell. [Dies.]

Enter Scipio, Lelut, and Menander.

Men. See there, Great Sir, the effects of your rash Doom,
The Victims you have offer'd up to Rome.

*Let. What cruel Eyes could pity here refrain,
Beholding two such Royal Lovells slain.*

*Scip. These unexpected Objects to amaze
My Reason, I could ever on 'em gaze.
Since thou, most great and lovely Prince, art dead,
War's Marches Scipio shall no longer tread.
With Carthage Peace we'll instantly conclude,
Which, hadst thou liv'd, our Arms might have subdu'd.
To Rome our Drooping-Eagles then shall steer,
Where after tiresome Honours, we'll repair
To some small Village, Lælius, thou and I,
And study not to live, but how to die.*

PROLOGUE to the University of OXFORD.

Written by J. Dryden, Esquire.

THESPIS, the first Professor of our Art,
At Country Wakes sung Ballads in a Cart:
To prove this true, if Latin be no trespass,
Dicitur & Plautus, vexisse Poemata Thespem.
But Æschylus, says Horace, in some Page,
Was the first Mountebank e're trod the Stage:
Yet Athens never knew your learned Sport
Of tossing Poets in a Tennis-Court:
But 'tis the Talent of our English Nation,
Still to be plotting some new Reformation:
And some years hence, if Anarchy go on,
Jack Presbyter will here erect his Throne,
Knock out a Tub with preaching, and a Day,
And every Prayer be longer than a Play:
Then all you Heathen Wits shall go to Pot,
For disbelieving of a Popish Plot:
Nor should we want the Sentence to depart,
Even in our first Original, a Cart.
Occham, Dun, Scotus, must, though Learn'd, go down;
As Chief Supporters of the Tripple Crown:
And Aristotle, for destruction ripe,
Some say be call'd the Saint in Organ-Pipe;
Which by some little help of Derivation,
Shall thence be call'd a Pipe of Insinuation:
Your wiser Judgments farther penetrate,
Who late found out one Tare amongst the Wheat.
This is our Comfort, none e're cry'd us down,
But who dislik'd both Bishop, and a Crown.

EPILOGUE.

EPILOGUE Spoken to Sophoniba, at its Playing

at OXFORD

TO this Learn'd Audience gladly we submit,
 At once our Action and our Part's Wit,
 Whose shades well pleas'd to these fix'd Seats repair,
 To bear the Muses breath that Native Air;
 Free from the partial Cause of the Town,
 Where senseless Fashion runs the Race down,
 Where fluttering Hectors on the Kard fall,
 One half o' th' Play they spend in noise and brawl,
 Sleep on the rest, then wake, and damn it all.
 To you the labour'd Scene is better known,
 In which no Poets have excell'd your own:
 When some fam'd Hero on the Stage is seen,
 You straight reflect, such was his God-like meen;
 To such extent did his vast Conquests swell,
 He Reign'd thus Glorious, thus extremely fell:
 Knowing th' Original, you the Copy praise,
 And Crown the Artist with deserved Bays:
 Thus to their Merits we our Poets leave,
 But for our selves your milder Censure crave,
 That all defects i' th' Action you'd impute
 To our straitn'd Stage, 'tis ours, the Womens fault:
 The Gown to Beauty never was unkind,
 But form'd by that th' Idea's of the Mind:
 'Twas from the Schools our first Respects we gain'd,
 Who of our Sex their Sciences have gain'd:
 Thus were the Muses, thus the Groves dress'd,
 And Plato thus his Vertue has express'd:
 We know what's due to Sophoniba's Fame,
 And more to Rosalinda's Chaster Name:
 Nor can we wholly ignorant appear
 Of those Learn'd Languages that flourish here.
 Be not surpriz'd if we invade your Right,
 And Ovid's or Catullus Loves recite,
 Or pass from Virgil's Labours of Aeneas,
 To Menin acide then Peleide & Achilleos.

FINIS.

